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"	Charles H. Haines,	P.	"	James R. Colley,	P.
"	Madison Swadener,	P.	1893	John W. Lucas,	P.
1883	Charles W. Barnes,	P.	"	Ulysses G. Humphrey,	P.
"	Marion LeSourd,	P.	"	George W. Vorhis,	P.
"	D. W. C. Washburn,	P.	"	William H. Wehrley,	P.
"	Geo. S. Easton,	P.	"	William M. Coffman,	P.
1884	Edgar H. Cherington,	P.	"	Homer G. Curless,
"	James L. Glascock,	"	Walter S. Gray,	P.
"	John J. McCabe,	P.	"	Albert C. Turrell,	P.
"	Creighton Wones,	P.	"	William A. Deaton,	P.
"	John G. Vaughan,	P.	"	George V. Morris,	P.
"	Merrick E. Ketcham,	P.	"	Marcellus B. Fuller,	P.
1885	Wilbur G. Warner,	P.	1894	David S. Ewry,	P.
"	John L. Dalbey,	P.	"	William T. Stafford,	P.
"	Gilbert P. Austin,	P.	"	James D. Darling,	P.
"	A. H. Lucas,*	P.	"	William A. Wiant,	P.
1886	George M. Fulton,	P.	"	David Herr,	P.
"	Heber D. Ketcham,	P.	"	Calvin W. Horn,	P.
"	Jacob L. Shively,	P.	"	William L. Y. Davis,	P.
"	Geo. L. Tufts,	P.	"	Joseph W. Patton,	P.
1887	John F. Laird,	P.	1895	Benjamin F. Oswald,	P.
"	John W. Shorten,†	P.	"	Isaac R. Marshall,	P.
"	Wm. R. Dudley,††	"	Charles L. Mackey,	P.
"	Amos T. Cowgill,	P.	"	Harley E. Armacost,	P.
"	Frank E. Vance,	P.	"	William M. Patton,	P.
"	Thomas P. Walter,	P.	"	Charles E. Schenk,	P.
1888	Alpheus B. Austin,	P.	"	William P. McVey,	P.
"	Samuel W. Campbell,	P.	"	William C. Mitchell,	P.
1889	Chas. W. Briggs,	P.			

* Transferred to Pittsburg Conference.

† Expelled.

†† Suspended for one year.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE IN A NUTSHELL.

(Compiled by the Secretary.)

NOTE.—By tracing references, many important points of order in parliamentary usages may be decided at a glance.

I. MOTIONS.

To adjourn,	1	a	*	B	a	II	x
To adjourn to a given time,	2	a	†	A	a	II	x
To amend,	3	a	†	A	a	II	x
To amend an amendment,	3	a	*	A	a	II	x
To amend the rules,	3	a	†	A	b	II	x
To appeal from the decision of the Chair <i>in re</i> decorum,	1	a	†	A	a	II	y
To appeal from the decision of the Chair generally,	3	a	*	A	a	II	y
To close debate,	1	a	†	A	b	II	x
To commit,	3	b	†	A	a	II	x
To extend limits of debate,	1	a	†	A	a	II	x
To lay on the table,	1	a	*	C	a	II	x
To limit debate,	1	a	†	A	b	II	x
To postpone to a definite time,	4	a	†	A	a	II	x
To postpone indefinitely,	3	b	*	A	a	II	x
To reconsider a debatable question,	3	b	*	B	a	II	z
To reconsider an undebatable question,	1	a	*	B	a	II	z
To make a subject a special order,	3	a	†	A	b	II	x
To substitute in the nature of an amendment,	3	a	†	A	a	II	x
To suspend rules,	1	a	*	B	b	II	x
To take up the order of the day,	1	a	*	A	a	III	y
To take from the table,	1	a	*	C	a	II	x
To take up a motion out of its proper order,	1	a	*	A	b	II	x
To withdraw a motion,	1	a	*	A	a	II	x

II. OTHER QUESTIONS.

Call to order,	1	a	*	A	a	III	y
Forms in which questions may be put,	15, 16, 17, 18, 19.						
Leave to continue speaking after indecorum,	1	a	*	A	a	II	x
Objection to consideration of question,	1	a	*	A	b	III	y
Precedence of questions,	5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14.						
Questions of privilege,	3	a	†	A	a	II	x
Reading papers,	1	a	*	A	a	II	x
Touching priority of business,	1	a	†	A	a	II	x
Whether a subject shall be discussed,	1	a	*	A	b	III	y

KEY TO REFERENCES.

DEBATE.

1. Undebatable: sometimes remarks tacitly allowed.
2. Undebatable, if another question is before the assembly.
3. Debatable.
4. Limited debate only on propriety of postponement.

MAIN QUESTION.

- a. Does not allow reference to main question.
- b. Opens the main question to debate.

AMENDMENTS.

- *. Can not be amended.
- †. May be amended.

RECONSIDERATION.

- A. Can be reconsidered.
- B. Can not be reconsidered.
- C. An affirmative vote on this question can not be reconsidered.

NECESSARY TO CARRY.

- a. Simple majority suffices.
- b. Requires two-thirds vote, unless special rules have been enacted.

SECOND.

- II. Must be seconded.
- III. Does not require a second.

WHEN IN ORDER.

- x. Not in order when another has the floor.
- y. Always in order, though another may have the floor.
- z. May be moved, and entered of record when another has the floor; but business then before assembly may not be put aside. Motion must be made by one who voted with the prevailing side, and on the same day the original vote was taken.

ORDER OF PRECEDENCE OF MOTIONS.

- 5. Fixing the time to which an adjournment may be made, ranks *first*.
- 6. To adjourn without limitation, *second*.
- 7. To take up order of the day, *third*.
- 8. To lay on the table, *fourth*.
- 9. For the previous question, *fifth*.
- 10. To postpone definitely, *sixth*.
- 12. To commit, *seventh*.
- 13. To amend, *eighth*.
- 14. To postpone indefinitely, *ninth*.

FORMS IN WHICH QUESTIONS MAY BE PUT.

- 15. *To strike out words*. "Shall the words stand part of the motion?" Unless a majority sustains the words they are struck out.
- 16. *Previous question*. "Shall the main question be now put?" This, if carried, ends debate.
- 17. *Appeal from the chair*. "Shall the decision of the chair be sustained as the ruling of the house?"
- 18. *Orders of the day*. "Will the house now proceed to the orders of the day?" This, if carried, supersedes intervening motions.
- 19. *Objection to considering questions*. "Shall the question be considered?" Objection may be made by any member before debate has commenced, but not subsequently.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. AFTER the usual **opening** religious exercises, the Secretary shall read the Minutes of the previous session.
2. No **motion** shall be entertained by the Conference till such motion shall have been seconded.
3. All **motions** shall be reduced to writing, if desired by any member of the Conference.
4. Every member desiring to **speak** on any subject before the Conference shall rise and address the President.
5. The member who first rises and addresses the President shall be entitled to the **floor**.
6. No member shall **speak** more than once on the same subject till all who may desire to speak shall have spoken; nor more than fifteen minutes at a time, without leave of the Conference.
7. All questions of **order** shall be decided by the President, subject to an appeal to Conference, without debate.
8. When any question is under debate, no **motion** shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone, to commit, or to amend; but a motion to adjourn shall always be **in order**, and this, as well as a motion to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate.
9. If the question before the Conference be capable of **division**, upon the call of any member, such question shall be divided.
10. The business of the Conference shall be conducted with **open doors**, unless otherwise ordered by the Conference.
11. Any question may be **reconsidered** on the motion of any member who may have voted with the majority.
12. If any member call for the **previous question**, and such call shall be sanctioned by a two-thirds vote of the Conference, the main question shall then be put.
13. Each **Committee** of the Conference shall choose its own **chairman**, unless the chairman be designated by the Conference or the President in the appointment of the Committee.
14. The members of the Conference shall assemble in the Conference-room punctually at the hour to which the Conference adjourned, and no member shall absent himself from the place of Conference session without **leave of absence**.
15. In all practicable cases, where **charges** are preferred against a member of Conference, notice shall be given to the President on the first day of the session, that, if it be judged proper, his name may be called, and the case referred to a Committee.
16. No member of Conference shall be subject to **arrest of character** without having been timely furnished, wherever practicable, with a written copy of the charges and specifications against him.
17. The vote on any question shall be taken by **ayes and noes**, upon the call of fifteen members.
18. The **roll** of the Conference shall not be called in open Conference for the purpose of obtaining **subscriptions** of money from the preachers, except for Conference expenses, unless it shall be ordered by a three-fourths vote of the members then present and voting.
19. The printed Minutes of the Conference, including all reports adopted by the Conference, officially signed by the President, and edited and attested by the Secretary, shall be the **official record** of its proceedings.
20. No member who has spoken on a pending motion shall have the right to call for the **previous question**, or to move to lay the same on the table.

II.

CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

HAMILTON, OHIO, August 28, 1895.

Opening.—The Cincinnati Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church was called to order by Bishop Cyrus D. Foss, D. D., LL. D., at Hamilton, Ohio, this day, for its forty-fourth session. After the singing of a hymn, Wm. Runyan led in prayer. The Bishop read the one hundredth Psalm, and called forward the presiding elders and the pastor of the Church, who assisted him in the administration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Roll-Call.—The Secretary of the last Conference called the roll, and one hundred and fifty-seven members responded to their names.

Officers.—Stanley O. Royal was elected Secretary, with the privilege of nominating his assistants. V. F. Brown, Heber D. Ketcham, and D. Lee Aultman—Wilbur M. Mason as Secretary for railroad certificates—were nominated and elected.

J. H. McNary was elected Statistical Secretary, with W. A. Deaton and U. G. Humphrey as his assistants.

C. W. Elliott was elected Treasurer, and, as his assistants, O. M. Sellers and C. W. Horn.

Welcome.—Mr. Edgar A. Belden, a member of the Hamilton Church, was introduced, and, on behalf of the Official Board of the Church, spoke appropriate words of welcome. By invitation of the Conference, Bishop Foss gave a fitting response.

On motion of D. J. Starr, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Cincinnati Conference hereby records its great gratification in being permitted to extend a most cordial greeting to its distinguished President, Bishop Cyrus D. Foss, LL. D., who comes to hold our forty-fourth annual session; and that we highly appreciate the cordial welcome extended to the Conference by the Official Board of this Church, expressed through its eloquent representative, Edgar Belden, Esq., in his address to the Conference, and responded to by Bishop Foss, at the request of the Conference.

(Signed,) D. J. STARR,
R. S. RUST.

Rules of Order.—The Rules of Order as printed in the Minutes were adopted, and a committee of three, consisting of D. J. Starr, C. H. Payne, and W. L. Hypes, was appointed to suggest any amendments needed in them.

Afternoon Session.—On motion of F. G. Mitchell, it was ordered that an afternoon session be held at two o'clock, for the reception of statistical and financial reports. The Bishop appointed John Pearson to preside.

Time of Session.—On motion of E. T. Wells, it was ordered that the sessions open at 8.30 A. M., and adjourn at 12 M; the first half-hour to be spent in prayer service. The bar of the Conference was fixed at the sixth pew from the front.

Standing Committees.—The list of Standing Committees as nominated one year ago was read, and, after some change, was adopted. (See page 416.)

Lakeside.—On motion of John Pearson, a Special Committee was appointed on Lakeside, as follows: Heber D. Ketcham, C. W. Barnes, J. J. McCabe, C. W. Rishell, E. S. Gaddis.

The Thirteenth Question—“*Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?*”—was taken up. The presiding elders of the Conference were called, and the character of each passed. The effective elders of the Cincinnati District were called, each preacher in charge reporting his collection. The character of each passed, as follows: E. O. Buxton, F. M. Kirgan, M. M. Kugler, John Pearson, C. L. Mackey, C. L. Conger, M. Swadener, S. G. Pollard, C. Wones, W. H. Sutherland, G. Roughton, E. McHugh, S. O. Royal, J. H. Lease, R. G. Easley, Henry Hershey, E. S. Gaddis, J. M. Meeker, C. W. Gullette, S. McChesney, J. W. Magruder, A. B. Austin, J. Verity, Heber D. Ketcham, G. P. Austin, H. A. M.

Henderson, G. L. Tufts, C. W. Barnes, James Stephenson, D. Lee Aultman, D. J. Starr, A. D. Maddox, M. E. Ketcham, Charles Hartley, Sylvester Weeks, R. S. Rust, C. H. Payne, J. W. Bashford, A. Lowrey, H. C. Weakley, and Geo. K. Morris.

When the name of W. H. Sutherland was called, he was granted a superannuated relation at his own request; and, by motion, the Board of Stewards was directed to consider his material needs. After remarks by Dr. Sutherland, many of his brethren spoke brief words of kind recognition. The following persons were appointed a Committee to draft suitable resolutions concerning Dr. Sutherland's change of relation: John Pearson, A. Bowers. W. L. Hypes.

At the call of the names of Charles Hartley and Sylvester Weeks, they were each granted a supernumerary relation at his own request.

A letter of fraternal greetings from Asbury Lowrey was read by A. B. Leonard, inclosing a gift of one hundred dollars to the Cincinnati Conference Historical Society. On motion of T. H. Pearne, the thanks of the Conference were extended to Dr. Lowrey for his gift. A committee was ordered to write a response to Dr. Lowrey and his wife, in acknowledgment of their greetings and gift. The following were appointed as the Committee: W. L. Hypes, R. S. Rust, T. H. Pearne, and A. B. Leonard.

The name of W. M. West was called. E. T. Wells presented the findings of the Investigating Committee in this case, which was referred to him last year, and reported that the charges were not sustained. The records of the trial were placed on file, and the character of W. M. West was passed.

The name of W. R. Dudley was called. T. H. Pearne, the presiding elder to whom the case was referred for investigation, reported that the trial had been held and that he had been found guilty, and suspended until Conference.

On motion, a Select Number was ordered, consisting of thirteen persons, to try the case: C. M. Van Pelt and George H. Dart were appointed counsel for the Church. A. T. Cowgill was appointed counsel for the accused. E. T. Lane was elected an Assistant Secretary, and was designated to serve as Secretary of the court. The following, nominated by the Bishop at the request of the Conference, were elected as the Select Number

for the trial: C. W. Gullette, F. M. Clemans, Wm. P. Jackson, J. S. Ruggles, A. N. Spahr, C. Wones, H. W. Bailey, J. S. Whitney, R. K. Deem, A. M. Griffith, J. W. Magruder, J. A. White, and G. M. Fulton. The Bishop appointed A. B. Leonard to preside in the trial.

The name of J. W. Shorten was called. His presiding elder reported that, on account of rumors reflecting on his character, it would be necessary for a Committee of Inquiry to be appointed. A Committee of five was ordered. Upon nomination of the Bishop, at the request of the Conference, the following were elected: C. W. Rishell, Chairman; C. L. Conger, J. W. Gaddis, L. M. Davis, and S. B. Smith.

Memorial Services.—On motion of E. T. Wells, it was ordered that memorial services be held Sabbath afternoon in connection with the ordination service. The following Committee was appointed on Memoirs: T. H. Pearne, V. F. Brown, J. E. Abrams, Geo. W. Dubois, J. P. Shultz, and W. H. Sutherland.

The relation of M. Dustin was changed to superannuate at his own request, and the Board of Stewards was directed to make special inquiry as to his financial needs.

Expenses.—On motion of T. H. Pearne, the Conference assumed the expenses of Investigating Committees—a total of \$37.50—a collection to be taken later in the session.

Examinations.—The following resolution was offered, and passed:

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to consider and report upon a plan for the organization and work of a Board of Examiners or Conference Faculty (in harmony with all the provisions of the Discipline), so that the greatest attainable uniformity and efficiency may be reached in Conference examination of candidates and undergraduates.

(Signed,) D. J. STARR, R. H. RUST,
 G. H. DART, T. H. PEARNE.
 C. H. PAYNE,

The signers of the resolution were chosen as the Committee.

Constitutional Changes.—The Bishop presented the following propositions for constitutional changes:

I. ON LAY DELEGATES. (Submitted by the General Conference. Discipline, Appendix, ¶ 36.)

Resolved, That we submit to the Annual Conferences the proposition to amend the Second Restrictive Rule by adding the words "and said dele-

gates must be male members" after the words "two lay delegates for an Annual Conference," so that it will read, "nor of more than two lay delegates for an Annual Conference, and said delegates must be male members."

II. ON LAY DELEGATES. (Submitted by Baltimore Annual Conference, March, 1893, and Colorado Annual Conference, June, 1895.)

Amend the Second Restrictive Rule by adding the words "and said delegates may be men or women" after the words "two lay delegates for an Annual Conference," so that the entire clause will read, "nor of more than two lay delegates for an Annual Conference, and said delegates may be men or women."

III. ON RATIO OF MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATION. (Submitted by Colorado Annual Conference, June, 1895.)

Strike out the words "forty-five" in the fourth line of Section 2, Paragraph 67, of the Discipline, and insert instead the words "sixty-five," so that the clause, as amended, shall read as follows: "The General Conference shall not allow of more than one ministerial representative for every fourteen members of an Annual Conference, nor of a less number than one for every sixty-five."

On motion of A. B. Leonard, a Committee of three was appointed to consider these propositions and recommend an order of action upon them. The Committee appointed was William Runyan, Sylvester Weeks, and C. H. Payne.

Election of Delegates.—The following items concerning the election of General Conference delegates were settled by vote: 1. The election be the order of the day at Friday, ten o'clock. 2. That the choice be determined by ballot. 3. That a majority of all votes cast be necessary to elect. 4. That each ballot bear the full number to be elected, and ballots having more or less than the full number shall be considered defective, and not counted. 5. In case more than the required number receive a majority on the first ballot, those having the highest number of votes shall be elected. 6. The mode of casting ballots be as recommended by the Board of Bishops, viz.: that all members stand until the ballot is cast, was approved. 7. In case any teller is in doubt as to the intention of a voter, the ballot shall be reported to the Conference for instruction. 8. If two persons receive the same number of votes, another ballot shall be taken to decide.

Introductions.—The following visiting clergymen were introduced: C. C. Edwards, of the Indiana Conference; J. C. Murray, D. D., and B. A. Kemp, of the North Indiana Conference; J. R.

Shannon, Ph. D., of the Colorado Conference; W. P. Thirkield, D. D., of the Savannah Conference. The following recent transfers were also introduced: E. O. Buxton, Ph. D., and G. Giambruno.

The time of the session was extended.

F. G. Mitchell was appointed associate counsel for the defense of W. R. Dudley.

Drafts Ordered.—The Bishop announced that the Conference was entitled to draw upon the Chartered Fund for \$25, and upon the Book Concern for \$1,676, in favor of the Board of Stewards. The drafts were ordered.

W. A. Wiant was appointed to receive subscriptions for the *Gospel in All Lands*. The accounts of the New York Book Concern were put in the hands of Geo. B. Shanor for collection.

Papers presented by the Bishop were referred to appropriate Committees. Announcements were made, and the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Foss.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

CONFERENCE was called to order at 2 o'clock by John Pearson. After the singing of a hymn, M. Kauffman led in prayer. The roll of charges was called by V. F. Brown, and the preachers in charge handed in their reports to the Statistical Secretary and the Treasurer. The session adjourned with the benediction.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, August 29, 1895.

Opening.—At 8.30 o'clock this morning Bishop Foss took the chair, and conducted the half-hour prayer service, reading and commenting upon a part of the fortieth chapter of Isaiah.

The journal of yesterday's session was read, and, with a few corrections, was approved.

G. M. Fulton was excused from serving as one of the Select Number.

On motion of J. G. Vaughan, the hour for adjournment, as fixed yesterday, was reconsidered, and placed at 11.45 A. M. each day.

Constitutional Changes.—The Committee appointed yesterday for considering the proposed constitutional changes offered the following report :

Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of fixing the time and determining the manner of voting on the propositions to amend the Second Restrictive Rule, and the fourth line of § 2, ¶ 67, of the Discipline, submitted by the General Conference of 1892, and as proposed by the Baltimore Annual Conference of March, 1893, and the Colorado Conference of June, 1895—two of these propositions relating to lay delegates, commonly known as the question of the eligibility of women to the General Conference, and the third “on the ratio of ministerial representation”—respectfully recommend that the voting be the order of the day on Friday morning, immediately after the disposition of the minutes.

We further recommend that the three propositions be voted upon in the order in which they were proposed, and in each case by a count vote.

WILLIAM RUNYAN,
SYLVESTER WEEKS,
C. H. PAYNE.

The report was amended by the following additional clause :

Provided, however, that any member of the Conference shall have liberty to decline to vote, the number of those so declining to be recorded, and reported to the General Conference.

As so amended, the report was adopted.

On motion of J. G. Vaughan, it was also decided that the vote be taken without debate.

On the call of the Bishop, the Treasurer and Statistical Secretary called the list of charges whose reports were delinquent or incomplete.

The Thirteenth Question—“*Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?*”—was taken up. The names of the effective elders of the Dayton District were called. Those in charge reported their collections, and the character of each passed; namely, H. W. Bailey, J. T. Bail, J. W. Gaddis, F. M. Clemans, W. A. Robinson, L. E. Prentiss, E. Burdsall, J. P. Ninde, J. L. Shively, C. H. Haines, O. D. Becker, J. McK. Shultz, J. W. Peters, G. L. Travis, J. S. Pumphrey, William Runyan, J. A. White, D. A. McColm, E. H. Cherington, J. F. McColm, A. Hamilton, C. F. Enyart, C. H. Kalbfus, T. Cundy, and T. Collett.

The effective elders of the Georgetown District were named, their collections were reported, and the character of each passed,

as follows: T. P. Walter, W. P. Jackson, T. G. Williams, S. W. Campbell, C. T. Crum, D. W. C. Washburn, I. E. Price, J. P. Porter, W. K. Brown, G. T. Perry, T. D. Moore, R. E. Smith, W. E. Spurrier, C. W. Briggs, C. J. Wells, C. W. Elliott, J. S. Whitney, J. E. Abrams, W. J. Baker, J. F. Laird, G. M. Fulton, and J. W. Hickman.

The names of the effective elders of the Hillsboro District were called, the character of each passed, and they reported their collections, as follows: J. E. H. Sentman, J. H. McNary, J. A. Winkler, D. D. Cheney, U. G. Humphrey, M. LeSourd, G. H. Dart, J. H. Davis, D. C. Vance, O. M. Sellers, John Wilson, W. G. Warner, Philip Trout, R. S. McColm, J. A. Easton, L. M. Davis, J. R. Colley, J. S. Ruggles, F. Leever, A. T. Cowgill, E. T. Lane, J. J. McCabe, and C. M. Van Pelt.

The effective elders of the Springfield District were called, the character of each passed, and their collections were reported, as follows: J. L. Dalbey, C. D. Munsey, F. E. Vance, I. C. Page, A. N. Spahr, James Murray, J. R. Hunter, J. P. Shultz, F. G. Mitchell, B. D. Hypes, C. W. Rishell, A. L. Brokaw, A. H. Lucas, P. C. Curnick, J. R. Hill, R. K. Deem, V. F. Brown, L. O. Deputy, G. W. Dubois, J. G. Vaughan, H. C. Middleton, L. D. McCabe, A. B. Leonard, and W. I. Fee.

The Seventh Question—"Who have been admitted into Full Membership?"—was taken up. The following persons were called forward: Charles L. Mackey, Harley E. Armacost, Benjamin F. Oswald, Isaac R. Marshall, Charles E. Schenk, William C. Mitchell, William M. Patton, William P. McVey. The hymn, "A charge to keep I have," was sung. A prayer was offered by G. K. Morris. The candidates for admission were addressed by the Bishop. They responded to the Disciplinary questions. They reported their collections, were represented by their examiners and presiding elders, and were admitted into full connection. Harley E. Armacost, Benjamin F. Oswald, and W. P. McVey were elected to deacons' orders, the others having been previously ordained.

By vote, the rule of former years, requiring an average of 7 in examination as condition of passing in any class, was reaffirmed; and a member falling below the grade of 7 in any one study is required to be examined the following year in the same.

Hillsboro College.—T. H. Pearne presented the report of the Trustees of Hillsboro College, and it was referred to the Committee on Education.

An invitation was extended to the Conference, by a local photographer, to grant him the privilege of taking a picture of the body. D. J. Starr was appointed a Committee to confer with him, and make arrangements for the same.

Monument.—On motion of T. H. Pearne, E. T. Lane was appointed a Committee to raise the sum of \$30, to place a proper monument at the grave of William D. Barrett, a former member of the Ohio Conference.

Announcements were made, the doxology was sung, and the Conference adjourned, with the benediction by Bishop Joyce.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, August 30, 1895.

THE Conference opened at 8.30 o'clock, with devotional services, led by C. H. Payne. At 9 o'clock the Bishop took the chair.

The journal of Thursday's session was read and approved.

A communication was read from the County Teachers' Association of Butler County, extending their greetings to this body. On motion of T. H. Pearne, a Committee of two was appointed to make suitable reply. J. W. Bashford and J. H. Lease were appointed the Committee.

Constitutional Changes.—The order of the day was taken up, being the vote on propositions for change of Constitution. The vote stood:

Proposition I: Ayes, none; noes, 124; declining to vote, 24.

Proposition II: Ayes, 133; noes, none; declining to vote, 6.

Proposition III: Ayes, 113; noes, 30.

On motion of J. W. Bashford, Howard H. Russell, State Superintendent of the Anti-saloon League, was invited to address the Conference for twelve minutes at some time during the morning session.

Lay Conference.—The following was presented and adopted:

WHEREAS, The Lay Electoral Conference is now in session in this city; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That the Cincinnati Conference send a Committee of three of its members to bear its cordial and fraternal greetings to that body, and to inform the Lay Conference that it will be the pleasure of the Cincinnati Conference to receive them in a body at such an hour as it may suit the convenience of the two Conferences.

2. That said Committee be also authorized to consider the subject of the joint meeting of the two bodies in this Conference room, and to report to this body, for its consideration and approval, a plan and program for said meeting.

D. J. STARR,

C. H. PAYNE,

J. W. BASHFORD.

Bishop Joyce.—At this juncture Bishop Joyce, by invitation of Bishop Foss, took the chair, and Richard H. Rust, presiding elder of the Cincinnati District, reported the state of the work under his charge.

Cincinnati Methodism.—On motion of J. W. Magruder, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to appoint a Committee of five members of the Conference to take under immediate consideration the condition of Cincinnati Methodism, and report back to this session of Conference such recommendations as they deem best for preserving and promoting the efficiency of the Churches.

On motion of C. W. Barnes, the Bishop was also requested to appoint a Committee of five laymen to consult and co-operate with the Committee just appointed.

Bishop Foss then resumed the chair.

General Conference Delegates.—The hour of 10 o'clock having arrived, the order of the day was taken up; namely, the election of delegates to the General Conference. The following persons were appointed tellers: J. H. Lease, W. A. Robinson, R. E. Smith, G. H. Dart, and A. N. Spahr. The ballot was taken, and the tellers retired.

E. T. Wells, the presiding elder of the Dayton District, read the report of the work in his care.

M. Dustin.—On motion of Edmund Burdsall, the Committee on Correspondence was instructed to send a letter of sympathy to M. Dustin.

J. W. Mason, the presiding elder of the Georgetown District, read the report of his work. J. P. Porter, on behalf of the preachers of the district, with very appropriate remarks, presented to the retiring presiding elder a beautiful couch, to which Brother Mason gave a grateful response.

Anti-saloon League.—H. H. Russell was then introduced, and addressed the Conference respecting the interest and work of the Anti-saloon League.

On motion of J. G. Vaughan, the presiding elders of the Conference were chosen as a Committee to co-operate with this League.

Election.—The tellers now returned, and the vote on delegates for General Conference was announced, as follows:

Whole number of votes cast, 170; necessary to a choice, 86. A. B. Leonard having received 129 votes, and C. H. Payne 96, were declared elected. A second ballot was taken, and the tellers retired.

F. M. Clemans and S. G. Pollard were excused from attendance on account of illness in their families.

Rev. L. Curts, D. D., Agent of the Western Methodist Book Concern, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

D. H. Moore, D. D., editor of the *Western Christian Advocate*, was introduced, and made an address.

Introductions.—The following persons were introduced: Chaplain McCabe, Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society; L. J. Naftzger, of the North Indiana Conference; Dr. Freshwater, of the Central Ohio Conference; M. D. Carrel, of the Michigan Conference; and Thomas Audas, of the Southwest Kansas Conference.

Announcements were made, and the doxology was sung; but notice being given that the tellers would soon return, the time was extended.

On motion of A. B. Leonard, it was directed that a session be held this afternoon, beginning at 4 o'clock.

Historical Society.—The report of the Committee on Cincinnati Conference Historical Society was read by M. E. Ketcham, and it was adopted. (See page 529 for report.)

The report of the Visiting Committee to Boston School of

Theology was read by S. O. Royal, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The tellers, having returned, reported that there was no election.

The Committee on Lay Conference reported that that body would be able to meet this, at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The session adjourned, with the benediction by Dr. Freshwater.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

CONFERENCE reassembled at 4 o'clock, with Bishop Foss in the chair, for the purpose of receiving the Lay Electoral Conference. Hymn No. 797 was sung, and prayer was offered by John Pearson.

The Lay Electoral Conference was present in a body, and the following order of exercises, as agreed upon by the Joint Committee, was carried out :

1. An Address of Welcome to the Laymen, by one of the senior members of the Conference—William I. Fee.
2. Response by Judge W. R. Warnock, of Urbana, Ohio, on behalf of the Lay Conference.
3. An address by Bishop Foss, on behalf of the Cincinnati Conference.
4. Introductions—James N. Gamble, President of the Lay Conference; and George B. Johnson and Charles W. Bennett, lay delegates; and Alexander Boxwell and P. P. Mast, reserves, were introduced.

The Secretary of this Conference was instructed to have printed in the Minutes the proceedings of the Lay Electoral Conference.

The hymn, "Jesus, Lover of my soul," was sung. A motion to adjourn was carried by a count vote of 89 to 56.

The doxology was sung, and the benediction pronounced by Bishop Foss.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, August 31, 1895.

THE half-hour prayer meeting, with which the Conference opened, was conducted by W. L. Hypes. At 9 o'clock Bishop Foss took the chair.

The journal of Friday, morning and afternoon sessions, was read and adopted.

The third ballot for General Conference delegates was taken, and the tellers retired.

The preliminary report of the Board of Stewards was read by M. LeSourd.

On motion of J. F. Marlay, I. C. Page was given a superannuate relation, and the Board of Stewards was instructed to give favorable consideration to his claims.

On motion of J. W. Mason, J. W. Hickman was given a superannuate relation at his own request, and his needs were referred to the Board of Stewards.

A special collection, which amounted to \$113.06, was taken for I. C. Page.

J. W. Shorten.—The Committee in the case of J. W. Shorten reported through their Secretary, C. L. Conger.

On motion of A. B. Leonard, the report was recommitted, with the request that the Committee at once prepare charges, and present them to the Conference at the earliest possible hour, that he might be tried immediately. The Committee was given permission to retire to prepare their amended report.

Thomas H. Pearne, presiding elder of the Hillsboro District, gave a report of his work.

The tellers having returned, it was announced that there was no election. Whole number of votes cast, 173; necessary to a choice, 87. No person having received a majority, a fourth ballot was immediately taken.

A. B. Leonard and J. P. Porter were added to the Committee now preparing charges against J. W. Shorten.

J. F. Marlay, presiding elder of the Springfield District, read the report of the work under his care.

The Tenth Question—"What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?"—was called. U. G. Humphrey,

George W. Vorhis, William M. Coffman, Walter S. Gray, A. C. Turrell, W. A. Deaton, M. B. Fuller, George V. Morris, William C. Mitchell, and Charles E. Schenk were called. The Examining Committees reported their standing in studies, the presiding elder of each represented his work, and they were elected to elders' orders. Homer G. Curless was continued in the studies of the fourth year.

The Swords of Grant and Lee.—The following resolution was offered by D. Lee Aultman, and adopted:

WHEREAS, There is no session this afternoon; therefore,
Resolved, That Dr. Henderson be invited to deliver his lecture on
 "The Swords of Grant and Lee"

D. LEE AULTMAN,	HEBER D. KETCHAM,	V. F. BROWN,
S. O. ROYAL,	A. B. LEONARD,	W. L. HYPES.
THOMAS H. PEARNE,	C. H. PAYNE,	

The Fourth Ballot.—The tellers having returned, the result of the fourth ballot for General Conference delegates was announced as follows: Whole number of votes, 172. Necessary to a choice, 87. J. W. Bashford, having received 110 votes, F. G. Mitchell, 105, and H. C. Weakley, 102 votes, were declared elected.

A ballot was taken for reserve delegates.

The Eleventh Question—"What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?"—was called. Certificates of recommendation were presented for the following persons: Adoniram A. McGinnis, from the West Elkton Quarterly Conference; William H. Gilson, from the Price Hill Quarterly Conference; Wilbur N. Mason, from the Georgetown Quarterly Conference; Oliver P. Huffman, from the St. Paul's, Delaware, Quarterly Conference; Lewis A. Washburn, from the Decatur Quarterly Conference; and Josiah Burdsall, from the Owenville and Newtonville Quarterly Conference. They were represented by their examiners and presiding elders, and elected to deacons' orders as local preachers.

The result of the ballot for reserve delegates was announced as follows: Whole number of votes, 160. Necessary to a choice, 81. John Pearson, having received 82 votes, was declared elected.

On motion of S. O. Royal, it was decided that the person re-

ceiving the highest number of votes in the next ballot should be declared the second reserve delegate, and the ballot was taken.

Introductions.—The following persons were introduced: Marcus D. Buell, D. D., Professor in Boston School of Theology; and J. M. Meeker, Ph. D., a recent transfer to this Conference.

Hon. James E. Campbell.—The Hon. James E. Campbell, Ex-Governor of the State of Ohio, was introduced, and, by invitation of the Conference, made brief remarks.

The Third Question—"Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?"—was taken up. Several recommendations were presented, and they were referred to a Committee consisting of W. L. Hypes, F. G. Mitchell, and R. S. Rust, for careful inquiry.

The Committee in the case of J. W. Shorten reported as follows:

We, your Committee to whom was referred the case of J. W. Shorten, report that we bring charges against him as follows: *Charge first.* Immorality, supported by four specifications. *Charge second.* Imprudent conduct, supported by four specifications.

C. W. RISHELL,	I. M. DAVIS,	S. B. SMITH,
J. P. PORTER,	A. B. LEONARD,	J. W. GADDIS.
	CHARLES L. CONGER, <i>Secretary.</i>	

This report was accepted, and the Conference ordered that a Select Number be chosen to try the case. By request of the Conference, the Bishop made the following nominations, and they were elected: W. H. Sutherland, E. McHugh, C. W. Barnes, W. A. Robinson, T. G. Williams, T. D. Moore, L. M. Davis, J. P. Shultz, P. C. Curnick, F. Leever, O. D. Becker, and J. E. Abrams. These names were all accepted by J. P. Porter, who was appointed as counsel for the defense. William Runyan and John Pearson were appointed as counsel for the Church. C. H. Payne was appointed by the Bishop to preside. D. Lee Aultman was assigned as Secretary, and Heber D. Ketcham as Assistant Secretary, to take the records of the trial. E. O. Buxton was appointed as assistant counsel for the defense.

Charles W. Rishell, Ph. D.—The following paper, presented by D. J. Starr, was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Rev. Dr. Charles W. Rishell has been called from the pastorate to the Professorship of Historical Theology in the Boston School of Theology; therefore,

Resolved, That the Cincinnati Conference hereby puts upon record its high appreciation of the wisdom of Dr. Rishell's selection for the high and important office to which he has been called; that we see in his efficiency in all departments of the pastoral work the prophecy and promise that he will be equally successful in the professorship, for which he has exceptional qualifications; and that we affectionately commend him to the officers, faculty, and friends of the Boston School of Theology.

D. J. STARR,	J. W. BASHFORD,	P. C. CURNICK,
C. H. PAYNE,	J. F. MARLAY,	L. D. MCCABE.

The result of the second ballot for reserve delegates was announced, and R. H. Rust, having the highest number of votes, was declared elected.

C. W. Rishell was granted leave of absence.

John Pearson and C. F. Enyart were added to the Committee on Education.

On motion of J. W. Mason, the Board of Stewards was instructed to consider the case of Mrs. Boyer.

Cincinnati Methodism.—The Bishop announced the following persons as members of the Committee on the Condition of Cincinnati Methodism: Ministers—R. H. Rust, John Pearson, C. L. Conger, S. O. Royal, J. W. Magruder. Laymen—W. F. Boyd, J. M. DeCamp, C. E. Smith, J. M. Robinson, and J. C. Harper.

Dr. Pearne was added to the Committee to solicit funds for Rev. Barrett's monument.

J. R. Colley and W. A. Wiant were granted leave of absence until Monday. J. W. Bashford was excused from the further sessions of the Conference.

Support of Superannuates.—A communication concerning a Connectional plan for the support of superannuates was read by the Secretary, and it was referred, together with the propositions printed in last year's Minutes on the same subject, to the Board of Stewards.

Announcements were made, and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Foss.

FIFTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

MONDAY, September 2, 1895.

At 8.30 o'clock this morning the Conference was opened with a half-hour prayer-meeting, led by H. C. Weakley. At 9 o'clock Bishop Foss took the chair.

The Minutes of Saturday's session were read and approved.

On motion of D. J. Starr, T. D. Moore, W. G. Warner, J. M. Meeker, and W. H. Sutherland were added to the Committee on the Plan for Conference Examinations.

The Ninth Question—“*What Members are in the Studies of the Fourth Year?*”—was called. The following members of the class of the third year reported their collections, were represented by their examiners and presiding elders, and advanced to the class in the studies of the fourth year: Joseph W. Patton, William H. Wehrley, John W. Lucas, William M. Patton, David Herr, James D. Darling, William A. Wiant, Calvin W. Horn, Wilbur L. Y. Davis, David S. Ewry, and William T. Stafford.

William M. Patton and W. T. Stafford were conditioned on exegesis, and D. S. Ewry on hermeneutics.

The Fifth Question—“*Who have been Continued on Trial?*”—was called. Henry C. Hutchinson, George B. Shanor, E. L. Hollingsworth, and George H. Smith were called. Those in charge reported their collections, were represented by the presiding elders, and they were continued on trial.

On motion, the Bishop was requested to leave George B. Shanor without an appointment, to attend school.

E. L. Hollingsworth was credited for studies passed, as follows: Exegesis, Sacraments, Rhetoric, and Logic; and was continued in the class of the first year on trial.

Rufus J. Wyckoff was also continued on trial.

The Select Number in the case of J. W. Shorten were excused from this session to complete their work.

Condition of Cincinnati Methodism.—By permission of the Conference, the names of J. M. Meeker and R. Dymond were added to the Committee on Cincinnati Methodism; and on motion of George K. Morris, the Committee was empowered to act

during the year, and report at the next session of the Conference. They were also authorized to fill any vacancy in their own number that might occur during the year.

Memoirs.—The Secretary was appointed to secure for publication in the Minutes the memoir of Mrs. S. F. Conrey. The memoirs as read on the Sabbath were adopted and ordered published.

The Twenty-second Question—"Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?"—was called. W. Q. Shannon, S. B. Ricketts, J. L. Glascock, S. B. Smith, W. L. Hypes, W. B. Moler, L. F. Young, and A. Bowers were called, their characters passed, and they were continued in a supernumerary relation. Jonathan Verity was granted a supernumerary relation at his own request.

R. G. Easley was also granted a supernumerary relation.

At his own request, W. I. Fee was granted a supernumerary relation, with work.

Brother Fee being called out, gave some interesting reminiscences.

The Secretary of the Conference Domestic Missionary Society read the report of the work of their agent, W. I. Fee, during the year, and the report was accepted. (See Report, page 527.)

The following papers were presented by T. H. Pearne, and adopted:

Resolved, That we hereby request the Bishop presiding at our present session to reappoint Asbury Lowrey to the editorship of his monthly, entitled *Divine Life*, which we also earnestly commend to all our members and ministers as eminently conservative, lively, and popular as an exponent of the higher Christian experiences.

THOMAS H. PEARNE,	R. H. RUST,	HEBER D. KETCHAM,
R. S. RUST,	C. H. PAYNE,	W. L. HYPES.

WHEREAS, Rev. R. S. Rust, D. D., LL. D., will, on the 12th inst., reach his eightieth birthday anniversary; and

WHEREAS, He has long held a most honored relation to this body; and

WHEREAS, He has rendered eminent service to the cause of Christ and humanity, so giving to the approaching anniversary unusual significance; therefore,

Resolved, That this Conference hereby appoint a Committee of three to co operate with other like Committees from other bodies in tendering him a fitting recognition on that occasion.

THOMAS H. PEARNE.

The Bishop appointed the following committee called for: T. H. Pearne, W. L. Hypes, and Heber D. Ketcham.

W. R. Dudley.—The Select Number in the case of W. R. Dudley presented their report, as follows:

The Select Number appointed to try the case of W. R. Dudley, present the following report: That we, the Select Number in the case of W. R. Dudley, find that W. R. Dudley is guilty of the charge and specifications against him, and suspend him from the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the period of one year. Signed by all the "Select Number."

A. B. LEONARD, *Chairman.*

EDWARD T. LANE, *Secretary.*

On motion, the time was extended.

J. C. Hartzell, one of the Secretaries of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

Dean Marcus D. Buell, Boston School of Theology, then addressed the Conference.

On motion of J. F. Marlay, an afternoon session was ordered to hear reports of Standing Committees. It was also ordered that a session be held at 7.30 this evening. George H. Dart was appointed to preside at the afternoon session.

The Twenty-seventh Question—"*What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*"—was taken up. The Board of Stewards reported the claims to be \$12,087.

The Twenty-eighth Question—"*What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?*"—was called, and the Treasurer of the Board of Stewards reported as follows:

Balance from last year, \$53.82; Chartered Fund, \$25; Conference Trustees, \$428.10; Mears Bequest, \$135.44; Mears Fund of last year, \$10.05; Book Concern Dividend, \$1,676; collections from charges, \$5,865. Total, \$8,193.61.

The final report of the distribution of funds by the Conference Stewards was read by M. LeSourd, and adopted. (See page 478 for Report.)

Carey T. Crum was appointed on the Committee to Solicit Funds for the Barrett Monument, in the place of T. H. Pearne.

Frank C. English, W. N. Mason, and Harley Armacost were left without appointment, to attend one of our schools.

W. N. Mason was excused from further attendance upon the sessions of the Conference.

On motion, the relation of W. H. Black was continued as supernumerary, and he was requested to locate one year hence.

The Certificate of Ordination was presented by the Bishop as follows :

This Certifies, That in Hamilton, O., on Sunday, the 1st day of September, 1895, in accordance with the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, I ordained as Deacons: Harley E. Armacost, Benjamin F. Osweald, William P. McVey, Adoniram A. McGinnis, William H. Gilson, Wilbur N. Mason, Lewis A. Washburn, Josiah Burdsall; and as Elders: Ulysses G. Humphrey, William M. Coffman, William A. Deaton, George V. Morris, William C. Mitchell, George W. Vorhis, Walter S. Gray, Albert C. Turrell, Marcellus B. Fuller, Charles E. Schenk; also Alvin K. Stabler, elected by the Colorado Conference.

Given under my hand in Hamilton, O., on the 1st day of September, 1895.

CYRUS D. FOSS, Bishop.

The session was adjourned by the benediction by Bishop Foss

AFTERNOON SESSION.

THE Conference reassembled at 2 o'clock, with George H. Dart, by appointment of Bishop Foss, in the chair.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Sylvester Weeks.

Reports of Committees.—On motion, the reports of Standing Committees were called in the order of the alphabetical list.

The report of the Committee on the American Bible Society was read by F. E. Vance and adopted. (See page 508 for Report.)

Frank Leever read the report of the Committee on Church Extension, and it was adopted. (For Report, see page 511.)

V. F. Brown read the report of the Committee on Deaconess Home and Christ's Hospital, and it was adopted. (See page 511 for Report.)

The report of the Committee on Finance was read by John Wilson, and it was adopted. (See page 516 for Report.)

Heber D. Ketcham read the report of the Epworth League Committee, and, on motion, it was adopted. (See page 512.)

The report of the Committee of Visitors to Drew Theological Seminary was read by A. B. Leonard, and the report was accepted.

The report of the Committee on the State of the Church was read by H. A. M. Henderson, and it was adopted. (See page 520.)

Frank G. Mitchell read the report of the Committee on Education. The part referring to the Ohio Wesleyan University was read and adopted. The part concerning the Theological Schools was read and adopted. The third part of the report, respecting the American University, was read, and, pending its adoption, Dr. S. L. Beiler, representative of the American University, addressed the Conference. It was then adopted.

The items regarding Springfield High School and Hillsboro College and the Baltimore Woman's College were read and severally adopted.

The item concerning the Board of Education and Conference Educational Society was read and approved.

The report was then adopted as a whole.

A paper upon the Suppression of Vice was offered by D. J. Starr, and adopted. (See Reports, page 522.)

The Committee on Parsonages offered their report through C. D. Munsey, and it was adopted. (See page 518.)

A verbal report was offered by the Publishing Committee, requesting the privilege of publishing in the Minutes a statement of their accounts, and also the appointment of John Pearson as an additional member of the Committee. The requests were granted.

L. M. Davis read the report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance, and it was adopted. (See page 519.)

J. W. Gaddis read the report of the Committee on Sunday-school Cause, and it was adopted. (See page 522.)

A. C. Turrell read the report of the Committee on Tracts, and it was adopted. (See page 525.)

The report of the Board of Control of Deaconess Work was read by M. M. Kugler. After remarks by H. C. Weakley, Corresponding Secretary of Deaconess Work, the report was adopted. (See page 508.)

On motion of John Pearson, the further consideration of this report was deferred until the evening session.

After notices were given, the session adjourned with the benediction by R. S. Rust.

EVENING SESSION.

AT 7.30 o'clock Conference reassembled, with Bishop Foss in the chair. The devotions were conducted by A. H. Lucas. The journal of the morning and afternoon sessions was read and approved.

By vote, the Bishop was requested to leave Ira E. Price without appointment, to attend one of our schools.

Mears Bequest.—The report of the Trustees of the Mears Bequest was presented by T. H. Pearne, for publication in the Minutes.

The Twenty-third Question—“*Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*”—was taken up, and answered as follows: F. W. Hypes, J. H. Middleton, J. F. Loyd, W. J. Quarry, W. T. McMullen, N. W. Darlington, M. Kauffman, Silas Bennett, Adam Miller, A. M. Griffith, Wesley Webster, J. F. Hull, T. E. Fidler, E. C. Smith, T. Wones, G. W. Fee, J. L. Gregg, M. P. Zink, G. M. Edgar, John Vance, J. W. Cassatt, H. M. Keck, J. L. Grover, R. A. Arthur, W. N. Maxey, J. I. Taggart, William Herr, S. W. Carey, T. J. Harris, S. W. Edmiston, Henry Miller, E. P. James, J. G. Black, and S. N. Marsh. The character of all passed, and they were continued in a superannuated relation.

The Fourth Question—“*Who are admitted on Trial?*”—was called. Earl M. Ellsworth was recommended by the Hillsboro Quarterly Conference, Northwest Indiana Conference; James A. Jenkinson, by the West Elkton Quarterly Conference; Charles L. Chapman, by the Fort Jefferson Quarterly Conference; Charles C. Peale, by the Lynchburg Quarterly Conference; Samuel A. Stephan, by the Lebanon Quarterly Conference; Stephen B. Timmons, by the Mt. Hope Quarterly Conference; Clifford N. Myers, by the Walnut Hills Quarterly Conference. The Committee on Examination in Studies, and that on General Qualifications, and the presiding elders, reported the above favorably, and they were admitted on trial.

J. W. Shorten—The Select Number, in the case of J. W. Shorten, presented their findings, as follows:

HAMILTON, OHIO, September 2, 1895.

The Select Number appointed by the Conference to try the case of J. W. Shorten find that he is guilty of immorality, as charged, and fix the penalty at expulsion from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

C. H. PAYNE, *Chairman*.

D. LEE AULTMAN, *Secretary*.

WM. H. SUTHERLAND,	FRANK LEEVER,	J. P. SHULTZ,
PAUL C. CURNICK,	L. M. DAVIS,	W. A. ROBINSON,
O. D. BECKER,	T. D. MOORE,	EDWARD MCHUGH.
T. G. WILLIAMS,	C. W. BARNES,	J. E. ABRAMS.

On motion of C. H. Payne, a collection was taken for Mrs. Shorten, which amounted to \$57.02; and Dr. Payne was requested to send her the money, accompanied by a letter of sympathy.

George T. Perry was excused from the morning session. A. B. Leonard was appointed by the Bishop to preside at the morning session, and to conduct the half-hour prayer service.

The Conference adjourned, with the benediction by Bishop Foss.

SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY, September 3, 1895.

At 8.30 A. M., Dr. Leonard took the chair, by appointment of Bishop Foss, and conducted the half-hour opening prayer service.

At 9 o'clock the transaction of business began, with a motion, by J. W. Peters, that the Committee on Correspondence be instructed to send Brother James Murray, who is confined to his home by illness, a letter of fraternal sympathy.

A. H. Lucas.—W. A. Robinson offered the following resolution concerning the transfer of A. H. Lucas, and it was adopted by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, We have learned that the Rev. Dr. A. H. Lucas is to go to the Pittsburg Conference, to serve the Butler Street charge; therefore,

Resolved, That we will follow him with prayers and best wishes for his success.

Resolved, That we will welcome his return to us whenever the powers that be may order.

W. A. ROBINSON,	C. H. PAYNE,	W. I. FEE,
PAUL C. CURNICK,	C. W. GULLETTE,	G. W. DUBOIS.
THOMAS H. PEARNE,	C. W. BARNES,	

M. E. Ketcham read the report of the Board of Stewards, presenting a memorial to be sent up to the General Conference. On motion of J. G. Vaughan, the report was recommitted, and John Pearson was added to the Committee. The Stewards were excused, for further consideration of the report.

The funds for Conference claimants were distributed.

V. F. Brown presented the following paper, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Conference hereby instructs its delegates to the General Conference, which assembles in Cleveland, Ohio, in May, 1896, to vote in favor of the change in the Second Restrictive Rule, which contemplates the admission of women into the Lay Electoral and General Conferences.

Resolved, secondly, That it is the judgment of this Conference that the General Conference has the power, sitting in a judicial capacity, to so interpret the Constitution of the Church, as it now exists, as to permit the admission of women into the Lay Electoral and General Conferences.

W. I. FEE,	V. F. BROWN,	S. B. SMITH,
L. E. PRENTISS,	WILLIAM RUNYAN,	J. T. BAIL.

William Runyan offered the following concerning the time of holding the Conference session, and it was adopted:

Resolved, That we respectfully request the Bishops, if not inconsistent with the interests of the work, to arrange the time of our next Annual Meeting so that it may begin on the first Wednesday in September, 1896.

WILLIAM RUNYAN,	F. G. MITCHELL,
T. H. PEARNE,	W. A. ROBINSON.
A. B. LEONARD,	

R. K. Deem reported for the Committee appointed one year ago, for the purpose of erecting a monument over the grave of Sister Rebecca Finley, that the work had been done, and presented vouchers for the money expended.

Temperance.—George K. Morris read the report of the Committee on Temperance, and it was adopted by a rising vote. (For Report, see page 524.)

Conference Studies.—D. J. Starr reported for the Committee on Unification of Conference Studies. By vote, the paper was laid over one year for consideration, and ordered printed in the Minutes, and referred to a Committee composed of the chairmen of the several Examining Committees. (For Report, see page 531.)

American University Funds.—F. G. Mitchell read his report as Treasurer for the funds of the American University contributed in this Conference, and his report was received and ordered printed. (For Report, see page 526.)

H. C. Weakley presented an abstract of the minutes of the Board of Conference Trustees. It was ordered printed in the Minutes. (See page 526.)

C. W. Elliott, Conference Treasurer, read the footings of receipts from the Benevolent Collections. The amount of \$11.39, the total of the fractional sums in his hands, was ordered paid to the Publishing Committee.

A collection was taken to provide for Conference expenses. The amount of \$33.16 was raised; and the balance due for expenses on account of trials was assumed by the Publishing Committee, being \$12.34.

M. E. Ketcham reported for the Board of Stewards that, owing to the limited time, they were unable to properly consider the Connectional plan proposed, and recommended the printing of their report. (See page 523.)

W. G. Warner read the report of the Committee on Missions. A. B. Leonard, Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society, addressed the Conference, and the report was then adopted. (See page 518.)

A nickel collection was taken for the page, which amounted to \$2.

The following paper was presented and adopted by a unanimous rising vote:

Whereas our beloved brother, Rev. Wm. H. Sutherland, D. D., has found it necessary to take a superannuate relation to this Conference, we, his brethren, who have been intimately connected with him in Conference relations, place on record this our expression of sincere love and unqualified commendation. For fifty-two years he has, without a break and without a blot, served our Church in the ministry in connection with the Ohio and the Cincinnati Conferences. His labors as pastor and presiding elder have been greatly blessed of God. He is universally respected by our people, and held in high esteem as a minister of unusual ability, a man of most manly character, and a Christian illustrating the richest experiences of the consecrated soul.

May the Divine Spirit ever abide in his fullness on our beloved brother, and bless him with many additional years of usefulness before he is gathered to his eternal home!

JOHN PEARSON,
A. BOWERS,
W. L. HYPES.

The report of the Committee on Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society was presented by L. E. Prentiss, and adopted. (See page 517.)

H. D. Ketcham read the report on Lakeside, and it was adopted. (See page 517.)

Bishop Foss resumed the chair.

The Twenty-sixth Question—"*What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections as Reported by the Conference Treasurer?*"—was taken up, and C. W. Elliott presented his report, showing an aggregate of benevolent moneys collected of \$65,959.39.

The Committee on Nomination of Standing Committees for 1896 presented their report, which was ordered printed without reading.

G. L. Tufts read the report of the Committee on Conference Resolutions, and they were adopted by a unanimous rising vote. (See page 519.)

C. H. Payne addressed the Conference respecting the work of the General Educational Society,

The Statistical Secretary read the footings of tables No. 1. (For full Report, see pages 487-489.)

On motion, the Conference made the following requests for appointments, namely: W. K. Brown, as professor in Twin Valley College; R. J. Wyckoff and W. P. McVey, to be left without appointment to attend school; Thomas Collett, Financial Secretary of the Preachers' Relief Society.

On motion of E. T. Wells, S. D. Clayton was continued in the supernumerary relation.

Transfers.—The Bishop announced the following transfers: From this Conference, A. H. Lucas, to the Pittsburg Conference. To this Conference, George S. Easton, from the Louisiana Conference.

The report of the Auditing Committee was read by C. W. Horn, and adopted. (See Report, page 508.)

The consideration of the report of the Board of Control of Deaconess Work was resumed, and H. C. Weakley addressed the Conference, and the report was then adopted. (See Report, page 508.)

The nominations for officers of the various Conference societies were presented, read, and ratified. (See page 414.)

The Bishop's nominations for Triers of Appeals, Committees of Examination, and Board of Church Extension were read and confirmed by vote. (See page 415.)

John Pearson was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon, next year with J. M. Meeker as alternate.

D. J. Starr moved that the reports of the presiding elders be published in the Conference Minutes, and it was so ordered.

A collection for the janitor, amounting to \$20, was taken.

On motion of George V. Morris, the time was extended.

The Minutes of Monday evening's session were read and approved.

The Thirtieth Question—"Where shall the next Conference be held?"—was called. A cordial invitation from Green Street Church, Piqua, was presented by F. G. Mitchell, and was unanimously accepted.

Constitutional Changes.—The vote of the Laity on the subject of a change in the Second Restrictive Rule was presented, read, and ordered on record as follows :

	Ayes.	Noes.
Cincinnati District,	95	690
Dayton District,	86	470
Georgetown District,	50	359
Hillsboro District,	111	937
Springfield District,	69	548
Total,	411	3,004

On motion of F. G. Mitchell, the publishing of the Detailed Missionary Report was ordered omitted from the Minutes.

By vote, the Secretary was instructed to arrange for special railroad rates for the Conference session next year.

The Minutes of this session were read and approved.

Appointments.—The Bishop appropriately addressed the Conference, read the appointments, and the Conference adjourned *sine die*, with the benediction by Bishop Foss.

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION.

HAMILTON, OHIO, September 2, 1895.

The Reports and Proceedings herewith published were adopted by the Cincinnati Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church at its session held August 28 to September 2, 1895, in this city. By the rules of the Conference, these printed Minutes, together with all the reports, were made the Official Record of its proceedings.

CYRUS D. FOSS, *President*.

S. O. ROYAL, *Secretary*.

SPECIAL SERVICES.

MISSIONS.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27TH, 7.30 P. M.—Missionary sermon preached by Rev. George H. Dart, Sylvester Weeks, D. D., presiding.

TEMPERANCE ANNIVERSARY.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28TH, 7.30 P. M.—Addresses by Rev. D. H. Moore, D. D., and Rev. A. B. Leonard, D. D., Rev. S. B. Smith presiding.

W. H. M. S. ANNIVERSARY.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29TH, 2.30 P. M.—Addresses by Mrs. James Dale and Mrs. R. S. Rust.

MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29TH, 7.30 P. M.—Addresses by Rev. Charles C. McCabe, D. D., and Rev. A. B. Leonard, D. D., our Missionary Secretaries, Sylvester Weeks, D. D., presiding.

W. F. M. S. ANNIVERSARY.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30TH, 2.30 P. M.—Address by Rev. W. F. Oldham, D. D.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30TH, 7.30 P. M.—Lecture on "The Bright Side of Libby Prison," by Chaplain C. C. McCabe, D. D.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31ST, 3 P. M.—Lecture by Rev. Howard Henderson, D. D., on "The Swords of Grant and Lee."

FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION SOCIETY ANNIVERSARY.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31ST, 7.30 P. M.—Addresses by Rev. Wilbur P. Thirkield, D. D., and Rev. J. C. Hartzell, D. D.

SABBATH SERVICES.

SEPTEMBER 1ST.—8.30 A. M.—Conference love-feast, led by Rev. W. L. Hypes, D. D. 10.30 A. M.—Ordination of Deacons and sermon by Bishop C. D. Foss. 2.30 P. M.—Memorial services, Rev. T. H. Pearne, D. D., presiding. 7.30 P. M.—Anniversary of Epworth League, addressed by Rev. J. F. Berry, D. D., Rev. V. F. Brown presiding.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?*

Giovaanni B. Giambruno, from the Louisiana Conference; George S. Easton, from the Louisiana Conference.

2. *Who have been Readmitted?*

None.

3. *Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?*

None.

4. *Who have been Received on Trial?*

(a) IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR.—*Earl M. Ellsworth, Charles L. Chapman, Charles C. Peale, Samuel A. Stephan, Stephen B. Timmons.*

(b) IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR.—*James A. Jenkinson, Clifford N. Myers.*

5. *Who have been Continued on Trial?*

(a) IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR.—*E. L. Hollingsworth* (credited with studies passed). See page 439.)

(b) IN STUDIES OF SECOND YEAR.—*Henry C. Hutchinson, George B. Shanor, George H. Smith, Wilbur N. Mason.*

(c) IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR.—None.

(d) IN STUDIES OF FOURTH YEAR.—None.

6. *Who have been Discontinued?*

None.

7. *Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?*

(a) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS THIS YEAR.—*Harley E. Armacost, Benjamin F. Oswald, William P. McVey.*

(b) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS PREVIOUSLY.—*Charles L. Mackey, Isaac R. Marshall, Charles E. Schenk, William C. Mitchell, William M. Patton.*

8. *What Members are in Studies of Third Year?*

(a) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP THIS YEAR.—*Harley E. Armacost, Benjamin F. Oswald, Isaac R. Marshall, William P. McVey, Charles L. Mackey.*

(b) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP PREVIOUSLY.—None.

9. *What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?*

* *William M. Patton, David Herr, Calvin W. Horn, James D. Darling, William A. Wiant, Wilbur L. Y. Davis, Joseph W. Patton, ** David S. Ewry, * William T. Stafford, William H. Wehrley, Homer G. Curless, John W. Lucas.*

[N. B.—* Conditioned on Exegesis. ** Conditioned on Hermeneutics.]

10. *What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?*

(a) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS THIS YEAR.—Ulysses G. Humphrey, George W. Vorhis, William M. Coffman, Walter S. Gray, Albert C. Turrell, William A. Deaton, Marcellus B. Fuller, George V. Morris, William C. Mitchell, Charles E. Schenk.

(b) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS PREVIOUSLY.—None.

11. *What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?*

(a) AS LOCAL PREACHERS.—Adoniram A. McGinnis, William H. Gilson, Wilbur N. Mason, Lewis A. Washburn, Josiah Burdsall. [N. B.—Oliver P. Huffman elected, but not ordained.]

(b) UNDER MISSIONARY RULE.—None.

12. *What Others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?*

(a) AS LOCAL DEACONS.—[N. B.—Alvin K. Stabler ordained under election by the Colorado Conference.]

(b) UNDER MISSIONARY RULE.—None.

13. *Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?*

It was, in open Conference.

W. R. Dudley was suspended for one year.

14. *Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?*

Abner H. Lucas to the Pittsburg, Rufus J. Wyckoff to the East Maine.

15. *Who have Died?*

Truman S. Cowden, Benjamin Glascock, Henry Stokes, William B. Jackson.

16. *Who have been Located at their Own Request?*

None.

17. *Who have been Located?*

None.

18. *Who have Withdrawn?*

None.

19. *Who have been Permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?*

None.

20. *Who have been Expelled?*

John W. Shorten.

21. *What other Personal Notation should be made?*

None.

22. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

Charles Hartley, Sylvester Weeks, W. I. Fee, S. D. Clayton, R. G. Easley, Jonathan Verity, W. Q. Shannon, W. B. Moler, J. L. Glascock, S. B. Ricketts, S. B. Smith, W. L. Hypes, Adam Bowers, L. F. Young, W. H. Black.

23. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

W. H. Sutherland, Mighill Dustin, F. W. Hypes, J. H. Middleton, J. F. Loyd, W. J. Quarry, W. T. McMullen, N. W. Darlington, M. Kauffman.

Silas Bennett, Adam Miller, A. M. Griffith, Wesley Webster, J. F. Hull, T. E. Fidler, E. C. Smith, Timothy Wones, G. W. Fee, J. L. Gregg, M. P. Zink, G. M. Edgar, John Vance, J. W. Cassatt, H. M. Keck, J. L. Grover, R. A. Arthur, W. N. Maxey, J. I. Taggart, William Herr, S. W. Carey, T. J. Harris, S. W. Edmiston, Henry Miller, E. P. James, J. G. Black, S. N. Marsh, I. C. Page, and J. W. Hickman.

24. *Who are the Triers of Appeals?*

C. W. Barnes, F. G. Mitchell, P. C. Curnick, G. W. Dubois, A. N. Spahr, H. C. Weakley, M. E. Ketcham.

25. *What is the Statistical Report for this Year?*

(See Report, page 487.)

26. *What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections as reported by the Conference Treasurer?*

\$65,959.39.

27. *What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*

\$12,087.

28. *What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?*

\$8,153.56. (For distribution, see Steward's Report, page 484.)

29. *Where are the Preachers Stationed?*

(See List of Appointments, page 454.)

30. *Where shall the Next Conference be Held?*

Greene Street, Piqua, Ohio.

APPOINTMENTS.

N. B.—1 Post-office inserted in parentheses when different from appointment. 2. In double appointments the first-named is the post-office. 3 Supplies in brackets. 4. Numerals at right hand indicate the year of service entered upon.

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

1. R. H. RUST, Presiding Elder, 2.
P. O., Avondale, Cincinnati, O.
2. Avondale, . . . E. O. Buxton, 2.
3. Bond Hill and Pleasant Ridge,
J. H. Lease, 1.
4. Carthage and Elmwood Place,
F. M. Kirgan, 3.
5. Cheviot, . . . M. M. Kugler, 2.
- CINCINNATI:
6. Asbury, . . . John Pearson, 2.
7. Camp Washington, C. L.
Mackey, 2.
8. Christie, . . . R. E. Smith, 1.
9. Columbia, . . . W. A. Deaton, 1.
10. Cummins ville, Creighton
Wones, 4.
11. Fairmount, . . . S. G. Pollard, 3.
12. Finley, D. J. Starr, 1.
13. McKendree, . . . E. McHugh, 5.
14. Mt. Auburn, . . . E. T. Lane, 1.
15. Mt. Lookout, . . J. W. Gaddis, 1.
16. Pendleton, Henry Hershey, 3.
17. Price Hill, . . . A. C. Turrell, 3.
18. St. John, Pearl Street, and
Riverside, Gervaise Rough-
ton, 1.
10. St. Paul, . . . J. M. Meeker, 2.
20. Trinity, . . . C. W. Gullette, 2.
21. Walnut Hills, S. McChesney, 5.
22. Wesley, . . . J. W. Magruder, 4.
23. York Street, . . . G. L. Tufts, 1.
24. Cleves, [W. J. Dunham.]
25. Clifton, C. E. Schenk, 1.
26. Delhi, G. P. Austin, 2.
27. Groesbeck, To be supplied.
28. Hartwell, Howard Henderson, 5.
29. Harrison, C. T. Crum, 1.
30. Lockland-Wyoming, C. W.
Barnes, 2.
31. Loveland and Branch Hill, James
Stephenson, 2.

32. Madisonville, D. Lee Aultman, 4.
33. Miami, S. B. Timmons, 2.
34. Newtown, . . . A. D. Maddox, 2.
- NORWOOD:

35. First Church, W. L. Y. Davis, 1.
36. Ivanhoe Avenue, M. E. Ketch-
am, 2.
37. Red Bank and Linwood, C. N.
Myers, 1.
38. Venice (Ross), . . . W. M. West, 1.
39. Winton Place, . . . A. B. Austin, 1.
40. R. S. Rust, Honorary Secretary
of the Freedmen's Aid and
Southern Education Society, 8;
member of St. Paul (Cincinnati)
Quarterly Conference.
41. C. H. Payne, Corresponding Sec-
retary of the Board of Educa-
tion, 8; member of St. Paul
(Cincinnati) Quarterly Confer-
ence.
42. J. W. Bashford, President of Ohio
Wesleyan University, 7; mem-
ber of Walnut Hills (Cincin-
nati) Quarterly Conference.
43. Asbury Lowrey, Editor of *Divine
Life*, 12; member of St. Paul
(Cincinnati) Quarterly Confer-
ence.
44. H. C. Weakley, Corresponding
Secretary of Deaconess Home,
7; member of Mt. Auburn
(Cincinnati) Quarterly Confer-
ence.
45. George K. Morris, Professor
Practical Theology in the Bos-
ton School of Theology of the
Boston University, 2; member
of St. Paul (Cincinnati) Quar-
terly Conference.
46. W. K. Brown, Professor Twin Val-
ley College, 1; member of St.
Paul (Cincinnati) Quarterly
Conference.
47. M. Swadener, Superintendent of
City Church Extension Soci-
ety, 4; member of Trinity (Cin-
cinnati) Quarterly Conference.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

48. E. T. WELLS, Presiding Elder, 4.
P. O., Dayton, O.

49. Bethany, H. W. Bailey, 2.
50. Camden and Summerville, G. L.
Travis, 1.
51. Centerville, . H. C. Middleton, 1.
52. Concord (Vandalia), G. H.
Smith, 2.

DAYTON:

53. Broadway, . F. M. Clemons, 3.
54. Grace, . . . W. A. Robinson, 3.
55. Homestead Avenue and River-
dale, To be supplied.
56. Raper, L. E. Prentiss, 3.
57. St. Paul, . Edmund Burdsall, 3.
58. Trinity, J. P. Ninde, 2.
59. Eaton, J. L. Shively, 4.
60. Fairhaven, . . W. M. Coffman, 5.
61. Fort Jefferson, . O. D. Becker, 1.
62. Franklin, . . . C. H. Haines, 3.
63. Germantown, . . [E. A. Harper.]
64. Glendale and Sharonville, C. W.
Horn, 4.
65. Gordon, . . . J. McK. Shultz, 3.
66. Hamilton, . . . J. W. Peters, 2.
67. Lewisburg, . . D. A. McColm, 1.
68. Miamisburg, . J. S. Pumphrey, 2.
69. Middletown, . . W. Runyan, 2.
70. Monroe, J. H. McNary, 1.
71. New Paris, . . [M. F. Hawley], 2.
72. Osborn, W. M. Patton, 1.
73. Oxford, . . . E. H. Cherington, 5.
74. Port Union, . . J. F. McColm, 2.
75. Red Lion, . . . J. W. Patton, 2.
76. Seven Mile, . . G. W. Vorhis, 1.
77. Springboro, . . I. R. Marshall, 1.
78. Walker and Union (Reiley).
[A. K. Stabler], 1.
79. West Alexandria, C. L. Chapman, 1.
80. West Carrollton, . J. T. Bail, 1.
81. West Chester, Thomas Cundy, 2.
82. West Elkton, . J. A. Jenkinson, 1.
83. T. Collett, Financial Secretary,
Preachers' Relief Society, 8;
member of Middletown Quar-
terly Conference.
M. Dustin, superannuate, mem-
ber of Broadway (Dayton)
Quarterly Conference.

Wm. Herr, superannuate, mem-
ber of Grace (Dayton) Quar-
terly Conference.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.

84. G. H. DART, Presiding Elder, 1.
P. O., Georgetown, O.
85. Aberdeen, . . T. P. Walter, 2.
86. Amelia, W. P. Jackson, 3.
87. Batavia, G. V. Morris, 2.
88. Bethel, J. H. Davis, 1.
89. Blue Creek, E. L. Hollings-
worth, 1.
90. Butlerville (Edenton), S. A.
Stephan, 1.
91. Centenary (Mulberry), H. C.
Hutchinson, 1.
92. Chilo, W. S. Gray, 2.
93. Decatur, A. G. Newton, 3.
94. Feesburg, . . . T. G. Williams, 4.
95. Felicity, . . . S. W. Campbell, 4.
96. Georgetown, . . M. B. Fuller, 3.
97. Goshen, G. S. Easton, 1.
98. Laurel, C. H. Kalbfus, 1.
99. Lebanon, J. P. Porter, 4.
100. Lebanon Circuit, To be supplied.
101. Maineville, . . J. S. Whitney, 1.
102. Manchester, . . T. D. Moore, 2.
103. Marathon, . . . To be supplied.
104. Mason, E. S. Gaddis, 1.
105. Milford, J. W. Mason, 1.
106. Montgomery, W. E. Spurrier, 2.
107. Moscow, J. D. Darling, 1.
108. Mt. Washington, C. W. Elliott, 3.
109. New Richmond, . W. J. Baker, 1.
110. Owensville and Newtonville—
(Owensville), J. R. Hunter, 1.
111. Peebles, . D. W. C. Washburn, 2.
112. Ripley, J. E. Abrams, 3.
113. Summerside, . . C. W. Briggs, 1.
114. West Union, . . . J. F. Laird, 4.
115. Williamsburg, . G. M. Fulton, 3.
116. Williamsburg Circuit, [W. O.
Collins], 1.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

117. T. H. PEARNE, Pres. Elder, 3.
P. O., Hillsboro, O.
118. Belfast (Bell), . . G. T. Perry, 1.
119. Blanchester and Midland City,
Andrew Hamilton, 1.

- 120. Bowersville, . . J. A. Winkler, 2.
- 121. Clarksville, . . D. D. Cheney, 2.
- 122. Greenfield, . . . M. LeSourd, 4.
- 123. Hillsboro, . . . H. D. Ketcham, 1.
- 124. Hillsboro Circuit, [A. M. Davis.]
- 125. Jamestown, . . . D. C. Vance, 2.
- 126. Leesburg, . . . O. M. Sellers, 4.
- 127. Lexington, J. E. H. Sentman, 1.
- 128. Lynchburg, . . . John Wilson, 3.
- 129. Martinsville, . . . [J. F. Trout.]
- 130. Morrow, . . . W. G. Warner, 2.
- 131. Mt. Orab, C. J. Wells, 2.
- 132. New Burlington, . . P. Trout, 5.
- 133. New Jasper, . . . R. S. McColm, 4.
- 134. New Vienna, . . . J. A. Easton, 2.
- 135. Rainsboro, . . . J. S. Ruggles, 1.
- 136. Sabina, J. R. Colley, 2.
- 137. Sinking Spring, B. F. Oswald, 2.
- 138. South Lebanon, [J. M. Roberts.]
- 139. Sugar Tree Ridge, C. C. Peale, 1.
- 140. Union (Spring Valley), Frank Leever, 2.

- 141. Waynesville, . . A. T. Cowgill, 2.
- 142. Wilmington, . . . A. N. Spahr, 1.
- 143. Winchester, U. G. Humphrey, 3.

XENIA:

- 144. First Church, J. J. McCabe, 3.
- 145. Trinity, . . . C. M. Van Pelt, 2.
- 146. C. F. Enyart, President of Hillsboro College, 1; member of Hillsboro Quarterly Conference.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

- 147. J. F. MARLAY, Pres. Elder, 4.
P. O., Springfield, O.
- 148. Arcanum, J. L. Dalbey, 2.
- 149. Brandt, E. M. Ellsworth, 1.
- 150. Catawba, C. D. Munsey, 3.
- 151. Cedarville, . . . F. E. Vance, 4.
- 152. Christiansburg, . D. S. Ewry, 1.
- 153. Covington, . W. C. Mitchell, 2.
- 154. Dialton, W. A. Wiant, 4.
- 155. Greenville, . . . C. L. Conger, 1.
- 156. King's Creek, [W. R. Buckles], 1.
- 157. Mechanicsburg, Jas. Murray, 3.

- 158. Mutual, W. T. Stafford, 1.
- 159. New Carlisle, . . A. L. Brokaw, 1.
- 160. New Moorefield, L. M. Davis, 1.

PIQUA:

- 161. Grace, . . . W. H. Wehrley, 3.
- 162. Greene Street, F. G. Mitchell, 4.
W. I. Fee, 1; supernumerary.
- 163. South Charleston, B. D. Hypes, 5.
- 164. South Charleston Circuit, J. W. Lucas, 2.

SPRINGFIELD:

- 165. Central, V. F. Brown, 1.
- 166. Clifton Avenue, J. P. Shultz, 1.
- 167. Grace, David Herr, 2.
- 168. High Street, . To be supplied.
- 169. St. Paul, . . . P. C. Curnick, 4.
- 170. Tippecanoe and Milton, J. R. Hill, 2.
- 171. Tremont City (Westville), J. A. White, 1.

- 172. Troy, S. O. Royal, 1.
- 173. Troy Circuit (Troy), L. O. Deputy, 2.

URBANA:

- 174. First Church, G. W. Dubois, 4.
- 175. Grace, J. G. Vaughan, 3.
- 176. Yellow Springs, R. K. Deem, 1.
- 177. L. D. McCabe, Emeritus Professor of Philosophy and Vice-President of Ohio Wesleyan University, 51; member of High Street (Springfield) Quarterly Conference.

- 178. A. B. Leonard, Corresponding Secretary Missionary Society, 7; member of Greene Street (Piqua) Quarterly Conference.

- 179. C. W. Rishell, Professor in Boston School of Theology, 1; member of Central Church (Springfield) Quarterly Conference.

- 180. W. P. McVey, W. N. Mason, F. C. English, H. G. Curless, G. B. Shanor, I. E. Price, and H. E. Armacost, left without appointments to attend some of our schools.

SUPERNUMERARY PREACHERS.

W. Q. Shannon,	First Church, Xenia, Quarterly Conference.
W. B. Moler,	Springfield, O., Quarterly Conference.
J. L. Glascock,	Mt. Lookout, Cincinnati, Quarterly Conference.
S. B. Ricketts,	Grace, Dayton, Quarterly Conference.
S. B. Smith,	144 Madison St., Grand Rapids, Mich.
W. L. Hypes,	Grace Church, Dayton, Quarterly Conference.
A. Bowers,	Greene St., Piqua, Quarterly Conference.
L. F. Young,	Georgetown Quarterly Conference.
S. D. Clayton,	Grace, Dayton, Quarterly Conference.
J. Verity,	
R. G. Easley,	New Albany, Ind.
Sylvester Weeks,	Eustis, Fla.; Winton Place Quarterly Conference.
Wm. I. Fee,	Greene Street, Piqua, Quarterly Conference.

SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS.

J. L. Grover,	Broad Street, Columbus, Quarterly Conference.
R. A. Arthur,	Addison, West Va., Quarterly Conference.
W. N. Maxey,	Lynchburg Quarterly Conference.
J. I. Taggart,	Rainsboro Quarterly Conference.
W. J. Quarry,	Felicity Quarterly Conference.
W. T. McMullen,	Owensville Quarterly Conference.
N. W. Darlington,	West Union Quarterly Conference.
M. Kauffman,	St. Paul, Springfield, Quarterly Conference.
W. Herr,	Grace, Dayton, Quarterly Conference.
Adam Miller,	Clark Street, Chicago, Ill., Quarterly Conference.
A. M. Griffith,	Sabina Quarterly Conference.
Wesley Webster,	South Charleston Quarterly Conference.
S. N. Marsh,	San Fernando, Cal., Quarterly Conference.
J. F. Hull,	Rowland, Ala., Quarterly Conference.
T. E. Fidler,	Grace, Urbana, Quarterly Conference.
E. C. Smith,	Cleves Quarterly Conference.
J. G. Black,	New Carlisle Quarterly Conference.
H. M. Keck,	Hamilton Quarterly Conference.
M. P. Zink,	Hillsboro Quarterly Conference.
G. M. Edgar,	Wilmington Quarterly Conference.
Timothy Wones,	Central, Springfield, Quarterly Conference.
George W. Fee,	Mt. Orab Quarterly Conference.
John L. Gregg,	Manhattan, Kan., Quarterly Conference.
John Vance,	New Moorefield Quarterly Conference.
S. W. Carey,	Grace, Urbana, Quarterly Conference.
Thomas J. Harris,	Norwood Quarterly Conference.
John W. Cassatt,	Greenville Quarterly Conference.
Silas Bennett,	Bellefontaine Quarterly Conference.
F. W. Hypes,	Centenary Quarterly Conference.
J. H. Middleton,	Greenfield Quarterly Conference.
J. F. Loyd,	Delaware, O.
S. W. Edmiston,	Winchester Quarterly Conference.
Henry Miller,	Delaware, O.
E. P. James,	Delaware, O.
W. H. Sutherland,	Wyoming, O.
Mighill Dustin,	Broadway, Dayton, Quarterly Conference.
I. C. Page,	
J. W. Hickman,	

III.

DIRECTORY.

BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

NAME.	BORN.	ENT'D MINISTRY.		Consecrated Bishop..	RESIDENCE.
		Conference.	Y'r		
THOMAS BOWMAN.....	July 15, 1817	Baltimore.....	1839	1872	St. Louis, Mo.
RANDOLPH SINKS FOSTER.....	Feb. 22, 1820	Ohio	1837	1872	Boston, Mass.
STEPHEN MASON MERRILL.....	Sept. 16, 1825	Ohio	1846	1872	Chicago, Ill.
EDWARD GAYER ANDREWS.....	Aug. 7, 1825	Oneida	1848	1872	New York, N. Y.
HENRY WHITE WARREN.....	Jan. 4, 1831	New England	1855	1880	Denver, Colo.
CYRUS DAVID FOSS	Jan. 17, 1834	New York.....	1857	1880	Philadelphia, Pa.
JOHN FLETCHER HURST.....	Aug. 17, 1834	Newark.....	1859	1880	Washington, D. C.
WILLIAM XAVIER NINDE.....	June 21, 1832	Black River.....	1856	1884	Detroit, Mich.
JOHN MORGAN WALDEN.....	Feb. 11, 1831	Cincinnati.....	1858	1884	Cincinnati, O.
WILLARD FRANCIS MALLALIEU.....	Dec. 11, 1828	New England	1858	1884	Buffalo, N. Y.
CHARLES HENRY FOWLER.....	Aug. 11, 1837	Rock River.....	1861	1884	Minneapolis, Minn.
*WILLIAM TAYLOR.....	May 2, 1821	Baltimore.....	1843	1884	Bishop of Africa.
JOHN HEYL VINCENT.....	Feb. 23, 1832	New Jersey.....	1853	1888	Topeka, Kan.
JAMES NEWBURY FITZGERALD.....	July 27, 1837	Newark.....	1862	1888	New Orleans, La.
ISAAC WILSON JOYCE.....	Oct. 11, 1836	N. W. Indiana	1859	1888	Chattanooga, Tenn.
JOHN PHILIP NEWMAN.....	Sept. 1, 1826	Oneida.....	1848	1888	Omaha, Neb.
DANIEL AYRES GOODSSELL.....	Nov. 5, 1840	N. Y. East.....	1859	1888	San Francisco, Cal.
*JAME- MILLS THOBURN.....	Mar. 7, 1836	Pittsburg.....	1858	1888	Calcutta, India.

* Missionary Bishops.

MEMBERS AND PROBATIONERS.

NOTE.—Sa. stands for Superannuated, Sn. for Supernumerary.

No. of Years Effective..	NAME.	No. in List of Appointm'ts.	P. O. ADDRESS.
6	Abrams, J. E.,	112	Ripley.
26	Arthur, R. A.,	Sa.	Addison, W. Va.
3	Armacost, H. E.,	180	Delaware.
23	Aultman, D. L.,	32	Madisonville.
9	Austin, A. B.,	39	Winton Place.
12	Austin, G. P.,	26	Delhi.
47	Bail, J. T.,	80	West Carrollton.
20	Bailey, H. W.,	49	Bethany.
21	Baker, W. J.,	109	New Richmond.
14	Barnes, C. W.,	30	Lockland-Wyoming.
20	Bashford, J. W.,	42	Delaware.
7	Becker, O. D.,	61	Fort Jefferson.
36	Bennett, S.,	Sa.	Bellefontaine.
37	Black, J. G.,	Sa.	New Carlisle.
29	Bowers, A.,	Sn.	Piqua, O.
8	Briggs, C. W.,	113	Summerside.
4	Brokaw, A. L.,	159	New Carlisle.
...	Black, W. H.,	Sn.	Washington, D. C.

No of Years Effective . .	NAME.	No. in List of Appoint'mts.	P. O. ADDRESS.
16	Brown, V. F.,	165	Springfield.
39	Brown, W. K.,	46	Cincinnati.
26	Burdsall, E.,	57	Dayton.
14	Buxton, E. O.,	2	Avondale.
9	Campbell, S. W.,	95	Felicity.
19	Carey, S. W.,	Sa.	Urbana.
42	Cassatt, J. W.,	Sa.	Greenville.
...	Chapman, C. L.,	79	West Alexandria.
25	Cheney, D. D.,	121	Clarksville.
13	Cherington, E. H.,	73	Oxford.
45	Clayton, S. D.,	Sn.	Dayton.
29	Clemans, F. M.,	53	Dayton.
5	Coffman, W. M.,	60	Fair Haven.
45	Collett, T.,	69	Middletown.
6	Colley, J. R.,	136	Sabina.
17	Conger, C. L.,	155	Greenville.
10	Cowgill, A. T.,	141	Waynesville.
28	Crum, C. T.,	29	Harrison.
21	Cundy, T.,	81	West Chester.
4	Curless, H. G.,	180	Boston, Mass.
6	Curnick, P. C.,	169	Springfield.
12	Dalbey, J. L.,	148	Arcanum.
4	Darling, J. D.,	107	Moscow.
27	Darlington, N. W.,	Sa.	West Union.
39	Dart, G. H.,	84	Georgetown.
21	Davis, J. H.,	88	Bethel.
24	Davis, L. M.,	160	New Moorefield.
4	Davis, W. L. Y.,	35	Norwood.
4	Deaton, W. A.,	9	Cincinnati.
32	Deem, R. K.,	176	Yellow Springs.
15	Deputy, L. O.,	173	Troy.
20	Dubois, G. W.,	174	Urbana.
9	Dudley, W. R., (Suspended), . . . . .	..	Columbus.
56	Dustin, M.,	Sa.	Dayton.
12	Easley, R. G.,	Sn.	Fairmount, Cin'ti.
15	Easton, G. S.,	97	Goshen.
21	Easton, J. A.,	134	New Vienna.
34	Edgar, G. M.,	Sa.	Wilmington.
33	Edmiston, S. W.,	Sa.	Winchester.
7	Elliott, C. W.,	108	Mt. Washington.
...	Ellsworth, E. M.,	149	Brandt.
4	English, F. C.,	180	Madison, N. J.
4	Enyart, C. F.,	146	Hillsboro.
4	Ewry, D. S.,	152	Christiansburg.
28	Fee, G. W.,	Sa.	Mt. Orab.
52	Fee, W. I. (Sn.),	162	Piqua.
30	Fidler, T. E.,	Sa.	Urbana.
5	Fuller, M. B.,	96	Georgetown.
11	Fulton, G. M.,	116	Williamsburg.
21	Gaddis, J. W.,	15	Mt. Lookout, Cin.
6	Gaddis, E. S.,	104	Mason.
9	Glascok, J. L.,	Sn.	Mt. Lookout Cin.
5	Gray, W. S.,	92	Chilo.
30	Gregg, J. L.,	Sa.	Manhattan, Kan.

No. of Years Effective . .	NAME.	No. in List of Appointm'ts.	P. O. ADDRESS.
19	Griffith, A. M.,	Sa.	Sabina.
34	Grover, J. L.,	Sa.	Columbus.
18	Gullette, C. W.,	20	Cincinnati.
15	Haines, C. H.,	62	Franklin.
28	Hamilton, A.,	119	Blanchester.
29	Harris, T. J.,	Sa.	Noorwood.
7	Hartley, C. J.,	Sn.	Riverside.
37	Henderson, H. A. M.,	28	Hartwell.
55	Herr, Wm.,	Sa.	Dayton.
4	Herr, D.,	167	Springfield.
7	Hershey, H.,	16	Cincinnati.
13	Hickman, J. W.,	Sa.	Williamsburg.
5	Hill, J. R.,	170	Tiptecanoe.
3	Hollingsworth, E. L.,	89	Blue Creek.
4	Horn, C. W.,	64	Glendale.
17	Hull, J. F.,	Sa.	Rowland, Ala.
5	Humphrey, U. G.,	146	Winchester.
27	Hunter, J. R.,	110	Owensville.
2	Hutchinson, H. C.,	91	Mulberry.
16	Hypes, B. D.,	163	South Charleston.
34	Hypes, F. W.,	Sa.	Owensville.
43	Hypes, W. L.,	Sn.	Dayton.
30	Jackson, W. P.,	86	Amelia.
38	James, E. P.,	Sa.	Delaware.
...	Jenkinson, J. A.,	82	West Elkton.
24	Kalbfus, C. H.,	98	Laurel.
37	Kauffman, M.,	Sa.	Springfield.
32	Keck, H. M.,	Sa.	Hamilton.
11	Ketcham, H. D.,	123	Hillsboro.
13	Ketcham, M. E.,	36	Norwood.
15	Kirgan, F. M.,	4	Carthage.
18	Kugler, M. M.,	5	Cheviot.
10	Laird, J. F.,	114	West Union.
16	Lane, E. T.,	14	Mt. Auburn, Cin.
37	Lease, J. H.,	3	Bond Hill.
19	Leever, F.,	140	Spring Valley.
35	Leonard, A. B.,	178	150 Fifth Ave., New York.
14	LeSourd, M.,	122	Greenfield.
47	Lowrey, A.,	43	150 Fifth Ave., New York.
44	Loyd, J. F.,	Sa.	Delaware.
6	Lucas, J. W.,	164	South Charleston.
3	Mackey, C. L.,	7	Cincinnati.
6	Magruder, J. W.,	22	Cincinnati.
19	Maddox, A. D.,	34	Newtown.
45	Marlay, J. F.,	147	Springfield.
13	Marsh, S. N.,	Sa.	Montecito, Cal.
4	Marshall, I. R.,	88	Bethel.
39	Mason, John W.,	105	Milford.
3	Mason, W. N.,	180	Boston, Mass.
9	Maxey, W. N.,	Sa.	Russell's.
13	McCabe, J. J.,	144	Xenia.
52	McCabe, L. D.,	177	Delaware.
35	McChesney, S.,	21	Cincinnati.
17	McColm, D. A.,	72	Osborn.

LIST OF PREACHERS.

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No. of Years Effective . .	NAME.	No. in List of Appointm'ts.	P. O. ADDRESS.
21	McColm, J. F.,	74	Lewisburg.
6	McColm, R. S.,	133	New Jasper.
39	McHugh, E.,	13	Cincinnati.
15	McMullen, W. T.,	Sa.	Owensville.
5	McNary, J. H.,	70	Monroe.
2	McVey, W. P.,	180	Madison, N. J.
16	Meeker, J. M.,	19	Cincinnati.
32	Middleton, H. C.,	51	Centerville.
36	Middleton, J. H.,	Sa.	Greenfield.
18	Miller, A.,	Sa.	Chicago, Ill.
24	Miller, H.,	Sa.	Delaware.
28	Mitchell, F. G.,	162	Piqua.
3	Mitchell, W. C.,	153	Covington.
7	Moore, T. D.,	102	Manchester.
35	Morris, G. K.,	45	Malden, Mass.
5	Morris, G. V.,	87	Batavia.
33	Moler, W. B.,	Sn.	Springfield.
16	Munsey, C. D.,	150	Catawba.
30	Murray, James,	157	Mechanicsburg.
...	Myers, C. N.,	37	Linwood.
8	Newton, A. G.,	93	Decatur.
6	Ninde, J. P.,	58	Dayton.
4	Oswald, B. F.,	137	Sinking Spring.
7	Page, I. C.,	Sa.	Christiansburg.
2	Patton, J. W.,	75	Red Lion.
4	Patton, W. M.,	72	Osborne.
38	Payne, C. H.,	41	150 Fifth Ave., New York.
...	Peale, C. C.,	139	Sugar Tree Ridge.
52	Pearne, T. H.,	117	Hillsboro.
30	Pearson, Jno.,	6	Cincinnati.
5	Perry, G. T.,	118	Bell.
29	Peters, J. W.,	66	Hamilton.
20	Pollard, S. G.,	11	Cincinnati.
31	Porter, J. P.,	99	Lebanon.
19	Prentiss, L. E.,	56	Dayton.
8	Price, I. E.,	180	Boston, Mass.
22	Pumphrey, J. S.,	68	Miamisburg.
34	Quarry, W. J.,	Sa.	Felicity.
12	Ricketts, S. B.,	Sn.	Dayton.
17	Rishell, C. W.,	179	Newton, Mass.
24	Robinson, W. A.,	54	Dayton.
18	Royal, S. O.,	172	Troy.
5	Roughton, G.,	18	Cincinnati.
16	Ruggles, J. S.,	135	Rainsboro.
32	Runyan, Wm.,	69	Middletown.
26	Rust, R. H.,	1	Cincinnati.
53	Rust, R. S.,	40	Cincinnati.
4	Schenk, C. E.,	25	Clifton, Cincinnati.
8	Sellers, O. M.,	126	Leesburg.
20	Sentman, J. E. H.,	127	Lexington.
33	Shannon, W. Q.,	Sn.	Xenia.
2	Shanor, G. B.,	180	Madison, N. J.
11	Shively, J. L.,	59	Eaton.
35	Shultz, J. McK.,	65	Gordon.

No. of Years Effective . .	NAME.	No. in List of Appointm't's.	P. O. ADDRESS.
38	Shultz, J. P.,	166	Springfield.
17	Smith, E. C.,	Sa.	Cleves.
29	Smith, R. E.,	8	Cincinnati.
45	Smith, S. B.,	Sn.	Grand Rapids, Mich.
3	Smith, G. H.,	52	Vandalia.
40	Spahr, A. N.,	142	Wilmington.
6	Spurrer, W. E.,	106	Montgomery.
4	Stafford, W. T.,	158	Mutual.
36	Starr, David Judson,	12	Cincinnati.
...	Stephan, S. A.,	90	Edenton.
35	Stephenson, J.,	31	Loveland.
55	Sutherland, W. H.,	Sa.	Cincinnati.
15	Swadener, M.,	47	Cincinnati.
5	Taggart, J. I.,	Sa.	Rainsboro.
...	Timmons, S. B.,	33	Price Hill, Cincinnati.
28	Travis, G. L.,	50	Camden.
6	Trout, P.,	132	New Burlington.
11	Tufts, G. L.,	23	Cincinnati.
5	Turrell, A. C.,	17	Cincinnati.
31	Vance, D. C.,	125	Jamestown.
10	Vance, F. E.,	151	Cedarville.
35	Vance, John,	Sa.	New Moorefield.
6	Van Pelt, C. M.,	145	Xenia.
13	Vaughan, J. G.,	175	Urbana.
30	Verity, J.,	Sn.	.....
4	Vorhis, G. W.,	76	Seven Mile.
8	Walter, T. P.,	85	Aberdeen.
10	Warner, W. G.,	130	Morrow.
7	Washburn, D. W. C.,	111	Peebles.
18	Weakley, H. C.,	44	Cincinnati.
31	Webster, Wesley,	Sa.	South Charleston.
37	Weeks, S.,	Sn.	Winton Place.
5	Wehrley, W. H.,	161	Piqua.
24	Wells, C. J.,	131	Mt. Orab.
28	Wells, E. T.,	48	Dayton.
24	West, W. M.,	38	Ross.
18	White, J. A.,	171	Westville.
25	Whitney, J. S.,	101	Maineville.
7	Williams, T. G.,	94	Feesburg.
25	Wilson, J.,	128	Lynchburg.
5	Winkler, J. A.,	120	Bowersville.
13	Wones, Creighton,	10	25th Ward, Cincinnati.
8	Wones, Timothy,	Sa.	Springfield.
4	Wiant, W. A.,	154	Dialton.
23	Young, L. F.,	Sn.	Georgetown.
40	Zink, M. P.,	Sa.	Hillsboro.

WIDOWS OF PREACHERS.

Baker, Mrs. M. G., Xenia, O.	Lee, Mrs. Thos., Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, O.
Bayliss, Mrs. J. H., 743 Orrington Avenue, Evanston, Ill.	Mahon, Mrs. Wm., Madisonville, O.
Beall, Mrs. A. U., Monroe, O.	Mathews, Mrs. J. McD., Hillsboro, O.
Bishop, Mrs. J. P., Springfield, O.	Meredith, Mrs. C. G., Springfield, O.
Boyer, Mrs. W. M., Manchester, O.	Miesse, Mrs. Wm. H., 1333 Otis Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
Brewster, Mrs. S. A., Springfield, O.	Morrow, Mrs. W., 1337 Q St., N. W., Washington, D. C.
Callahan, Mrs. D., Georgetown, O.	Musgrove, Mrs. A., Christiansburg, O.
Chalfant, Mrs. J. F., Springdale, O.	McClelland, Mrs. J. F., ————
Cowden, Mrs. T. S., Troy, O.	McDonald, Mrs. N., Springfield, O.
* Crum, Mrs. G. C., Xenia, O.	Newson, Mrs. Jos., New Carlisle, O.
Curry, Mrs. H. M., Hartwell, O.	Peregrine, Mrs. J. S., Winona, Minn.
Ellsworth, Mrs. W. I., Springfield, O.	Purkhizer, Mrs. M. G., Hillsboro, O.
Fowble, Mrs. J. W., New Moore field, O.	Robinson, Mrs. J. M., Indianapolis, Ind.
Fyffe, Mrs. W. H., Batavia, O.	Sargent, Mrs. D. H., Lebanon, O.
Gaddis, Mrs. M. P., Dayton, O.	Shinn, Mrs. John, Marysville, O.
Hall, Mrs. Jesse, Newport, Ky.	Smith, Mrs. James, 675 N. Delaware Street, Indianapolis, Ind.
Hill, Mrs. J. J., Lebanon, O.	Stokes, Mrs. H., Ripley, O.
Hines, Mrs. Wm. E., Williamsburg, O.	Stone, Mrs. J. W., Waverly, Iowa.
House, Mrs. Erwin, Mt. Auburn, Cincinnati, O.	Tibbitts, Mrs. A. W., Jamestown, O.
Irvin, Mrs. J. N., Columbus, O.	Van Cleve, Mrs. L. F., Troy, O.
Jackson, Mrs. W. B., Urbana, O.	Warnock, Mrs. D., Urbana, O.
Kalbfus, Mrs. C., Frostburg, Md.	Weakley, Mrs. J. W., Covington, Ky.
Kennedy, Mrs. G. H., Delaware, O.	West, Mrs. E. G., Urbana, O.
Keely, Mrs. J. W., Oxford, O.	Whitmer, Mrs. D., Orient Hill, Xenia, O.
Kelley, Mrs. Geo. W., 34 S. 16th St., Richmond, Ind.	Williams, Mrs. W. N., Dayton, O.
Ketcham, Mrs. C. W., Delaware, O.	
Kirk, Mrs. Eli, Christiansburg, O.	

* Deceased since Conference.

SUMMARY.

NO. MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE—

Superannuate,	38
Supernumerary,	13
Effective,	162
Suspended,	1

Total, 214

PROBATIONERS, 12

WIDOWS, 52

LOCAL PREACHERS.

[Names of ELDERS, in SMALL CAPS; of *Deacons*, in *italics*; and of Licentiates, in Roman letters. All post-offices are in Ohio.]

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

Askew, Matthew J., Columbia, Cin'ti.
 ASKEW, ROBERT, Cincinnati.
Clark, David W., E. Walnut Hills.
 CORNUELLE, V., Madisonville.
 CURME, ARTHUR A., Cincinnati.
Deubler, Joseph, Cincinnati.
 Dunham, W. J., Cincinnati.
 Getchell, Zerah, Cincinnati.
 Gilson, W. H., Cincinnati.
 Green, Otis, Hartwell.
 HAMMELL, G. M., Cincinnati.
 Hartzell, Morton C., Avondale, Cin'ti.
 Kennedy, Francis, Norwood.
 KILBREATH, J. P., Cincinnati.
Locke, J. H., Winton Place.
 McComas, R. P., Madisonville.
 MITCHELL, M., Mt. Auburn, Cin'ti.
 Rowland, Chas. W., Cincinnati.
 Shaw, Herbert C., Cincinnati.
 Smith, A., Cincinnati.
 Spraul, Chas. W., Hartwell.
 TIMMONS, S. B., Cincinnati.
 Vaughn, Chas. E., Cincinnati.
 Wolff, Louis W., Cincinnati.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

Bailey, S. A., Dayton.
 Coleman, C. M., Gratis.
 Crowder, George, Heno.
 Cunningham, J., Gratis.
 Grennan, L. E., Oxford.
 Gudgeon, H. W., Jacksonburg.
 Hollinger, C. L., Dayton.
 HORNADAY, N., West Elkton.
 Howell, Eli S., Seven Mile.
 HOWREN, A. L., Brookville.
 Jackson, W. L., Dayton.
 Jaquish, E. L., Dayton.
 Johnson, Hiram, Eaton.

Jones, T. S., Dayton.
McClung, John, Bethany.
McGinnis, A. D., West Elkton.
 PAYNE, DR. J. H., Middletown.
 Pierce, W. W., Gordon.
 Poling, Wm. B., Dayton.
Scott, Samuel, Dayton.
 Selby, Norman, Gordon.
 Staley, D., Dayton.
 Stevens, A. A., Dayton.
 Stevens, M. H., Dayton.
 Voris, J. S., Dayton.
 Weber, Le Roy, Heno.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.

Arthur, E. J., Mt. Orab.
 Bennett, Fred. W., Williamsburg.
 Burdsall, Josiah, Owensville.
Burdsall, J. W., Marathon.
 Carr, W. M., Craver.
 Collins, W. O., Jacksonville.
 DAILEY, DAVID, Williamsburg.
 Ely, Charles, Henning's Mills.
Hall, W. G., Amelia.
 Hibben, T. R., Fruit Hill.
Hill, J. P., Eastwood.
 Hill, Hezekiah, Craver.
Long, Jos. R., Eastwood.
 McMATH, JAMES, Moscow.
McNeilan, James, Dunkinsville.
 Moore, J. F., Felicity.
 PORTER, MOSES P., Ripley.
 Prall, T. E., Lebanon.
 Shriver, W. E., Dunkinsville.
 Stevenson, Dan'l, Wamsley.
 Stiers, J. C., Hamersville.
 Thoroman, S., West Union.
 Washburn, L. A., Decatur.
 Wright, J. W., Cherry Fork.

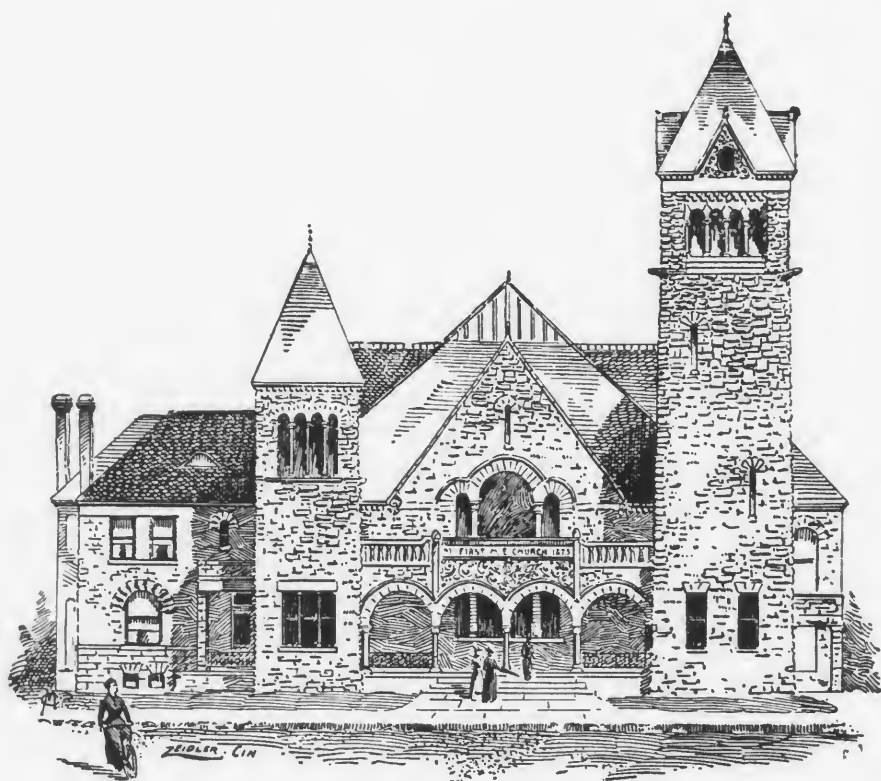
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

Arthur, E. J., Mt. Orab.
 Bell, Sheridan, Xenia.
 Burba, Sanford, Emerald.
 Craig, S. L., Oakland.
 Curless, A., Blanchester.
 Davis, A., New Market.
 Fulton, Robert, Lynchburg.
 Furguson, D. S., Lexington.
 Griffith, Wm. H., Marshall.
 Hamilton, S., Sinking Spring.
Hartley, Wm., Bell.
 Holmes, Wm., Memphis.
 Hough, W. S., Leesburg.
Johnson, Jacob, Bowersville.
 KNOX, ELIJAH L., Samantha.
 Long, J. A., Fairfax.
 Murphy, G. W., Marshall.
 Nailor, J. S., Hillsboro.
 Oldaker, J. W., Russell's.
Redkey, Martin, Leesburg.
 Roberts, J. M., Sugar Tree Ridge.
 Roberts, Walter E., Winchester.
 Rogers, J. H., Mt. Orab.
 SHADE, J. W., Hillsboro.
 Snodgrass, J., Hillsboro.
 STORY, ROBERT, Greenfield.
 Trout, J. F., Hillsboro.
 Thompson, Milton, Mt. Orab.

WINGET, C. L., Columbus.
 Zentmyer, S., Morrow

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

Albright, S. P., Arcanum.
Bennett, C. W., Piqua.
 Clutch, David, Alcony.
 CROW, T. D., Urbana.
 DEUEL, A. C., Urbana.
 Eiselstein, Geo., Springfield.
 GUNN, J. W., Springfield.
 Harper, C. A., Troy.
 Heard, Thos., Piqua.
 Howard, James, Piqua.
 Hubbell, George A., Yellow Springs.
 Johnson, Levi, Urbana.
 Koch, J. E., Arcanum.
 Martz, Geo., Rockcastle, Ky.
 McElwain, Dennis, Cedarville.
Morris, Richard W., New Carlisle.
Raynor, William, Piqua.
 Rogers, Amos L., Jamestown.
 Rozell, J., Tippecanoe.
 Smith, Dr. S. D., Piqua.
 Talbot, J. G., Urbana.
 Thompson, C. W., Covington.
 Townsend, Jas., Cable.
 Trout, J. D., Springfield.
 Van Cleve, C. L., Troy.
 Wells, T. B., Tippecanoe City.



HAMILTON METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

IV. REPORTS.

A. PRESIDING ELDERS.

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

R. H. RUST, Presiding Elder.

It affords me pleasure to state that I found the work of Dr. John Pearson, my predecessor on the district, in excellent condition, and on all sides there were evidences of careful and efficient administration.

A careful retrospect of the year that is gone, will be of great service in the year to come. One year less of life remains for Christian work. One year's opportunity has passed away forever. Its toils, sorrows, defeats, and victories have left their traces on heart and brain, and it is our privilege to garner the rich lessons of experience.

The demands upon the Methodist preacher of to-day are more varied and exacting than ever before. The influences which oppose the gospel of Jesus Christ are powerful and persistent. A cultivated intellect and a deep spirituality are necessary to ministerial success. The Methodist Episcopal Church has been the Salvation Army of the past, and, if true to its Divine call, will be the Salvation Army of the present and the future.

The pastors have been zealous and faithful in their efforts to win souls and advance the interests of the Church; and they have been rewarded by numerous conversions in the various charges of the district. They have not trusted to outside help, but have cultivated the fields intrusted to their care with marked fidelity. They have watched over their converts, and have aided them in securing strong Christian characters, and in preparing them for lives of usefulness.

The training of young converts is scarcely less important than their conversion. We must not neglect the fruit of our revivals. We can not refrain from expressing a fear that there is too great a discrepancy between the number received on probation and the number of those received into full membership. And yet the great work of the Christian ministry is the salvation of souls, and with joy and gratitude we recognize the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon many charges of the district.

I have not thought it best, in my report, to enter into a detailed account of the various pastors and charges of the district. It seems sufficient to say that the past year has been a prosperous one, and that the object of our Church and ministry has been largely realized, and the results are all that could be reasonably expected under existing circumstances. The condition in Cincinnati is exceptional, and affects not only Methodism but Protestantism. Our membership in this city is in a transition state, and great care must be taken lest we take too gloomy a view of the real situation. While it may be discouraging in the city, there is a brighter prospect and increasing prosperity in the suburbs.

There has been a spirit of unity among the brethren; for we have been drawn together by the serious problems that face Cincinnati Methodism.

Lower Cincinnati and Upper Cincinnati must stand or fall together. The Methodists, in their comfortable, clean homes in the suburbs, must not allow selfishness to cut their nerves of sympathy and helpfulness with their brother Methodists in the smoky and sinful city below. A defeat in the valley means demoralization on the hills. If we can not reach and save the masses, if we retreat before the vicious and organized forces in the centers of population, we are disloyal to the spirit and genius of our Church.

Cincinnati, on account of its situation and large foreign population, is one of the most difficult places for Christian work. The constant removals of our families are bringing many of our down-town Churches to a missionary basis. They are unable to support pastors, and the condition becomes a very serious one.

Three things are possible :

1. Consolidation, or the uniting the smaller Churches with the neighboring strong ones. Several careful attempts have been made to secure this result, but have repeatedly failed. The property rights have proved an insurmountable obstacle. Sentiment, old associations, and a feeling of reluctance and pride, on the part of trustees in these Churches, have rendered this union impossible. The theory of union seems plausible, but, as a matter of fact, it is not practical under the present conditions.

2. The placing of these Churches, when they reach a missionary basis, under the direction of the Cincinnati Church Extension Society. This organization was formed for this special purpose. Its providential mission seems to be to meet this condition of affairs in our city. It has secured, by wise administration, a hold upon the confidence of our people. It has saved a large amount of property from being lost to Methodism, and is the natural Society to take charge of our mission-work in Cincinnati. If its resources were sufficient, if it had the support that it ought to have, it would accomplish a most important work in saving the masses.

The Gospel Wagon, the gift of one of our noble laymen, has proved a powerful agency under God of reaching the unsaved. Thousands, who never enter our churches, have thus heard the precious songs of the gospel and the earnest, stirring appeals that have come from preachers and laymen.

3. To place these weak Churches in a circuit. As there is no missionary money appropriated for these weak points, and as the Church Extension Society receives the contributions for this work in our city, it seems necessary that, in case these Churches can not be induced to go into the Church Extension Society, a revival of the circuit system is the solution of this problem.

These weak places, then, must either be consolidated, come under the Church Extension Society, accept the circuit system, or gradually pass out of existence.

The Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home and Christ Hospital have had a successful year. The deaconesses have been faithful in their work, and their services have been highly appreciated by pastors and Churches where they have labored. This noble institution is one of the efficient forces in our missionary work, and is being recognized as one of the highest expressions of Christianity. All through the Ohio Valley and the neighboring States its influence is being felt, and the good that is being accomplished is beyond estimate.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society has sustained the Glenn Home in the southwestern part of the city. Many families have been reclaimed and brought into our Churches. It has reached a large class of needy people, and accomplished great good. Kindergartens have been provided for the young children, night-schools for those older, industrial schools for girls, and regular evangelistic services for parents. The influence of the Home has been elevating and inspiring upon neglected classes in this vicinity.

The Conference collections have received special attention during the year, and faithful effort has been made to reach the apportionments. Con-

scientious and systematic giving has been urged as an essential Christian duty, and the result, notwithstanding the pressure of the times and the demands of our home work, indicate an advance in the contributions to our Church benevolences. Dr. Leonard, Dr. McCabe, and Dr. Baldwin were present, and held a series of missionary-meetings that were educational, inspiring, and profitable, and their services have been of great advantage to the cause which they represent.

EPWORTH HEIGHTS.

The camp-meeting at Epworth Heights, under the direction of Rev. Heber D. Ketcham, was an occasion of great spiritual profit, and the results of the meeting will be long felt. Epworth League Day, Anti-Saloon Day, and the services of both Sabbaths were especially interesting.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATIONS.

During the year two Ministerial Associations have been held, the one in the fall, the other in the spring. At the first meeting the topics were all evangelistic and experimental. The design was that they should be preparatory for aggressive work in the months to follow. At the second meeting in the spring, questions of polity and effective methods in Church work were considered. Able papers were read, and brief addresses followed. The feeling prevailed that polity and methods should be born of experience and efficiency, that theories should surrender to facts, and not facts to theories, and that the essential features of our Church developed in all our history should be preserved. Modifications in non-essentials were thought desirable, and a proper adjustment to the conditions of the present were deemed to be expedient, wise, and necessary.

PASTOR'S CLUB.

A pastor's club was formed, composed of all the acting pastors of the district, which fact was the sole condition of membership. Monthly meetings have been held, and papers on some doctrinal or practical topic have been read, after which there followed informal discussions. This club has brought us nearer together, and strengthened and cheered all who were present for more earnest work in the ministry.

SOCIAL UNION.

The Social Union of Cincinnati has been reorganized, and placed upon a new basis. The purpose is to give it a stronger hold upon all our people, and make its meetings special occasions for our city Methodists. At each gathering some distinguished Methodist will be invited to make an address. The social feature will be emphasized, and every effort made to awaken and maintain a feeling of cordial fellowship. We believe that if this opportunity is rightly used, it will be a strong force in a forward aggressive movement in Cincinnati.

BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT.

A beautiful stone church at Cumminsville was completed, and dedicated October 7th, by Rev. C. H. Payne, D. D. The large debt was provided for by reliable subscriptions. The first payment has been promptly met, and indicates that when the notes mature they will be paid, and one of the finest churches in the Cincinnati Conference, in a most desirable locality, will be free from debt and prepared for effective work.

Arrangements have been completed for the erection of a fine stone church at Westwood, on one of the most eligible sites in the village, which will soon be annexed to Cincinnati, and connected by an electric line of cars. This is one of our most promising suburbs, and it is vital to the future of our Church that, while the people are moving out from the city, they shall find attractive places of worship in their new homes. In a few years Westwood will be one of our best appointments.

At Avondale an elegant and commodious parsonage has been begun, on a lot adjoining the church, and in a few months no charge in the Conference will have a finer home for its minister than the Forest Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church.

In the church at Clifton, two most appropriate and elegant memorial windows have been placed by Dr. Clark W. Davis, and Mr. O. J. Wilson. They are gems of art, and no church in the city has anything superior. They are a touching tribute to their parents, who were leading members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

EPWORTH LEAGUES AND SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Epworth Leagues and Sunday-schools of the district have made decided progress during the year, and have worked in harmony with the Church in all departments of its activities. The effort has been made, on the part of its officers, to make this remarkable organization helpful in all its work to the Church. The spiritual has not been made subordinate to the social and literary, but a harmonious development of each has been carefully sought. The officers and teachers of Sunday-schools and Leagues have realized their solemn obligations, and thus many dangers have been avoided, and the outlook for the future is hopeful.

PASTORAL SUPPORT.

One of the most painful facts that comes under the notice of the presiding elder, is the failure of many of the smaller charges to meet their claims for pastoral support. The Quarterly Conference has full power to make the estimate after consultation with the preacher; but when the apportionment has been made for the year, it should be paid. The failure to meet this obligation is the source of untold suffering to the preachers and their families, and has often led to trials and scandals in our Church. I have gone to the utmost limit of persuasion and authority to see that this wrong is not permitted, and I earnestly hope and pray that the time may speedily come when all Methodist preachers may receive every cent of their claim.

The future of the Church depends upon the character of its ministry; its destiny is in their hands. Methodist preachers are its very heart and life. Anything that will add dignity and power to the pastorate should be cheerfully given to these faithful, sacrificing men. Methodism was born when John Wesley's heart was strangely warmed, and it can only be preserved by the warm hearts and burning tongues of his followers. O that there might come upon us all such a baptism of the Holy Ghost, that we may meet the great responsibilities of the present and the future!

DAYTON DISTRICT.

E. T. WELLS, Presiding Elder.

WITH gratitude to the Heavenly Father, we come to the close of another year of work upon the Dayton District. During this year no great disaster has overtaken our churches, no conflagration nor cyclone has destroyed parsonage or church buildings. Death has not entered the ranks of our superannuated, supernumerary, or effective preachers. None have broken down in health, nor been temporarily disabled by serious illness. The year has been singularly free from affliction, for which we give thanks to Almighty God.

When the writer took the superintendency of the district, it consisted of twenty-five charges. It was afterward, by the abolition of the Hamilton District, increased to thirty-one charges. Last year the organization of two new charges—namely, Riverdale, Dayton, and Fort Jefferson—and the addition of Monroe and Bethany, from the Hillsboro District, with

the transfer of Venice to the Cincinnati District, left this district with thirty-four charges, making nine more than originally belonged to it. This increase compelled the elder, in order to visit each charge once during the quarter, to hold three quarterly-meetings each week for ten weeks, and two each for the remaining two weeks, preaching much of the time six times during the week, with three of these preaching services on the Sabbath. I have preached 202 times during the year, held 136 Quarterly Conferences, and have attended on the Sabbath the love-feast, Sunday-school, and Epworth League meetings, making, on an average, about five services on the Sabbath.

In the midst of these constant and crowded duties, I have enjoyed uninterrupted health, and, with happiness in my soul, have gone about the work in city and in country, in town and village, preaching the Word. We report no phenomenal revivals or great ingatherings; the year has not been an exceptional one in regard to the harvest of souls. But the great work of the Church has gone forward; and the sermons preached and work performed in the Sabbath-school and Epworth League, inspiring and molding the young, has been like the constant shining of the sun, and the invigorating atmosphere, and the ever-flowing streams that nourish and sustain all physical life; so has the life of the Church been maintained, and the usual harvest of souls and fruits of benevolence have been reaped.

We have in the district nine charges of from three to five points, nine charges of two points, and sixteen stations. First in the list of three or more appointments comes Camden and Somerville. Rev. J. T. Bail, pastor, is completing three years of service there, during which time he has cleared the Church at Camden of a debt of long standing, and also beautified the church with the decorator's art. At Macedonia there was a time of refreshing, which resulted in nearly a score of accessions on probation.

Port Union, Rev. J. F. McCollm in charge, has three societies, and has improved in attendance and attention to the affairs of the circuit. The Sunday-school at Port Union, while not large in numbers, is remarkable for its collections, which average each week about three cents per member.

Gordon, with three points, Rev. J. McK. Shultz pastor, has two flourishing Epworth Leagues at Gordon and West Baltimore. The League at Gordon made some very excellent improvements on the church interior, and also rejoice in the production of a preacher from their ranks, converted last October by the direct agency of the League, and licensed to preach in July by the last Quarterly Conference at Gordon.

Osborn, Rev. D. A. McCollm pastor, has four Churches in four towns; namely, Osborn, Fairfield, Medway, and Enon. There was a good work at Enon the past year, and a total of seventy-six probationers are reported, with a net gain in two years, over all losses, of forty-four full members. The Ministerial Association of the district held its Annual Meeting at Osborn, and was most bountifully entertained by the good people of the Church and community. The meeting of the Association, in numbers and in spirit, was declared by all present to be one of the best ever held.

Concord work, with four appointments, has been in charge of Rev. Geo. H. Smith, who has filled this, his first appointment, with great acceptability and success. A gracious revival was enjoyed at Ebenezer, which greatly strengthened the society. Thirty-five accessions, and forty-five conversions are reported. The Quarterly Conferences are largely attended, the reports ready, and all the business transacted in a creditable and gratifying manner.

Lewisburg, under the pastoral care of Rev. G. L. Travis, has had a steady growth, and manifests in the increased attendance on the quarterly services an improved condition. A very interesting Subdistrict Convention of the Epworth League was held here during the summer.

New Paris has been supplied the past year by Rev. M. F. Hawley. There has been a manifest improvement on this work, in the more prompt and full payment of the financial obligations. A new appointment

has been built up by the pastor, and will be added to the work the coming year as a regular preaching place. Thirty probationers are reported.

Centerville is one of the best works of three appointments in the Conference. Centerville could become a station, and support a pastor if provision could be made for the other charges connected with it. Rev. J. W. Gaddis has been for four years in charge of this work, and his return is requested for a fifth year. He has had revival and ingathering each year, reporting for this year sixty-two probationers.

West Elkton is the only charge in the district having five appointments. Rev. J. A. Jenkinson has been supplying this work, and has so pleased the people in this, his first work, as to cause them to earnestly desire his return. The prayer-meeting at West Elkton has an average attendance equal to the enrollment of the membership. This circuit is distinguished for the number of its local preachers. There are seven local preachers, who, with the pastor and elder, make nine to surround the table at communion.

Turning now to the charges having two points, we come first to Bethany. Rev. H. W. Bailey has had pastoral care of this charge. A gracious revival was enjoyed early in the Conference year, resulting in 32 probationers. The successful year was crowned with the marriage of the pastor to one of the elect ladies of the Hillsboro District, Miss Cora Terrell, known to the women of the Church as District Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

West Chester and Tylersville, Rev. Thomas Cundy pastor, has had an ingathering of 29 probationers, and the organization of two Epworth Leagues where none heretofore existed.

Walker and Union is essentially a rural charge, with a modern church at Walker, and a renewed and improved church at Union. Rev. C. H. Kalbfus has been in charge of this work for two years.

Seven Mile has one of the most convenient and comfortable church properties in the Conference. Rev. A. Hamilton has been the shepherd of the flock on this work for the past four years.

Monroe, "beautiful for situation," like Mt. Zion, has had a good year, and reports 12 accessions on probation. Rev. J. A. White, the pastor, was called to part with his loved mother, who had made her home with him since the death of her husband. She, with a daughter, constituted the home circle at the parsonage. She died in peace and in the hope of life eternal.

The Fort Jefferson and Hollandsburg work is a new work constituted by the union of two old charges. This work has been supplied by Rev. C. L. Chapman, who, with his wife, at great sacrifice, have served the Church for a bare living, and yet the charges have raised almost double what they had paid in former years. In proof of the zeal and enterprise of the membership at Fort Jefferson, a parsonage has been built, and a nice new, modern, two-story, seven-roomed house will be ready for the incoming pastor. This charge, with the addition of New Madison and Jaysville, will form one of the best circuits of the district.

Fair Haven and Sugar Valley, Rev. W. M. Coffman pastor, and Glendale and Sharonville, Rev. C. W. Horn pastor, are remarkable in this, that each of these ministers is serving his first and only charge, Brother Horn having been three and a half years in his charge, and Brother Coffman has just finished his fourth year. Each bids fair, if there be no episcopal interference, to reach the time-limit, as their return has been requested. Both these points are in a prosperous condition.

Riverdale and Homestead Avenue, Dayton, have concluded their first year as a united charge. Rev. M. H. Stephens has supplied the work. The last cent of indebtedness on the Homestead Avenue property has been paid this year, and we have two lots there, a chapel building free of debt, and a flourishing Sunday-school, in the midst of a rapidly-growing part of the city—a very promising field for building up in the near future a good society. Riverdale, however, is not a church simply of the future, but of the present. We already have a membership of 90 active, loyal, intelligent,

and generous people. If they were provided with a house of worship, and thus relieved of the burden of rent, which they have to pay, they could support a pastor of themselves. We look to see, at no distant date, one of our best and most flourishing charges in Riverdale.

Coming to the last division of our report, the stations, we find these sixteen in number. The first, largest and leading station of the district, measured by the value of its church property, salary paid, and contributions to the benevolences, is Grace Church, Dayton. Rev. W. A. Robinson, the pastor, took advantage of an opportunity offered him to visit the Holy Land during the year, and from its sacred precincts drink in draughts of inspiration and instruction. The absence of the pastor precluded the special efforts usually put forth, making the results of the year's work different from what they otherwise would have been. We trust, however, that the refreshing, temporarily withheld, may shortly descend in showers of blessing upon the Church. Four of our stations maintain with difficulty their independent existence; namely, Germantown, West Alexandria, Red Lion, and Springboro. The first two are without parsonages, while the last two have comfortable homes for their preachers.

Rev. O. D. Becker has been in charge of Germantown, and, notwithstanding the difficulties confronting him, brings up a good report.

Rev. E. L. Hollingsworth labored under great disadvantage at West Alexandria, yet, notwithstanding the disappointments and disabilities, the charge was not without a degree of prosperity. Thirteen probationers are reported.

At Red Lion there has been a gradual and steady improvement. Rev. J. W. Patton has labored faithfully and is greatly loved by his people, and earnestly desired by them to be continued as their pastor.

Rev. C. F. Enyart has done good work at Springboro. The benevolences are the largest ever contributed by them. Brother Enyart leaves the traveling ministry to enter the educational field. He has been chosen President of Hillsboro College. The good wishes of his brethren in the ministry follow him to his new field. We have no doubt of his ability for, and success in, the new work which he has undertaken.

Miamisburg, Rev. J. S. Pumphrey pastor, has been in a growing condition. The Sabbath-school has attained the largest attendance in its history the past year.

Franklin, under the pastoral care of Rev. C. H. Haines, has not been idle. They have placed in their church a very fine pipe-organ, which, as a piece of furniture, is beautiful to behold, and as an instrument of music delightful to hear. They have further beautified the church by the addition of cathedral-glass windows.

At Eaton we have a large congregation and membership, a spiritual people, a flourishing Epworth League, which welcomed and entertained the District Convention, last October, at one of its pleasantest and most profitable sessions. Rev. J. L. Shively holds undisturbed possession of this most delightful charge.

The most rapid growth and development which we have to chronicle in any charge in our bounds, has occurred at West Carrollton, Rev. Geo. W. Vorhis pastor. Two years ago, this charge emerged from a union with Germantown, where it had been raising, all told, about three hundred dollars. This past year they have raised for all purposes something over twelve hundred dollars. In that time they have doubled their membership and quadrupled their contributions. They have over five thousand dollars subscribed for a new church, and expect during this Conference year to erect the new structure.

Oxford is one of our pleasantest towns and most delightful charges. The temporal affairs of the Church are most wisely and promptly managed. The pastor, Rev. E. H. Cherington, has in the past four years so rooted and grounded himself in the affections of his people that the process of transplanting, which must come at the end of another year, will be most difficult. Oxford, like all college towns, is progressive. At

this point, likewise on the Glendale work, the Quarterly Conferences were "willing of themselves," and did elect women as reserve delegates to the Lay Electoral Conference which meets on the 30th day of August at this place. Pending the discussion of eligibility, intent, and interpretation of constitution, the Disciplinary road still remains clear for the women to walk into the places open for laymen, as laymen are still defined to be "all members of the Church not members of the Annual Conferences." Methodism's boast has always been that she built wiser than she knew. In this case she built *wider* than she knew. If the building under the old intent proves wide enough for the new intent, why amend or annex or alter? Why not walk by the same rule, and mind the same thing, when as well adapted to the new intent as the old? The old rule and definition will answer as well the new demand as anything that could be framed. We have walked about Zion now enough, and marked all her battlements and measured her doors, and find them wide enough for all purposes; let us not then cut any new approaches, nor obstruct the old ones, but delightfully walk in the new-found freedom discovered under the old approaches.

Rev. Wm. Runyan, our pastor at Middletown, proved to be the right man in the right place. His experience and knowledge in matters ecclesiastical served him to good purpose, and with wisdom, prudence, and patience he has guided the affairs of the Church. The debt of the Church has been decreased by one thousand dollars. Dr. Runyan's return has been unanimously desired.

Trinity Church, Dayton, Rev. J. P. Ninde pastor, is burdened with financial obligations, and very heroically the Church is striving to bear the burden. A debt of \$4,600, taxes, interest, street paving, support of pastor, and current expenses of the Church are all resting down upon them, and have become a burden almost too heavy to bear. The circular letter of the pastor has brought some responses, but not to any extent what they need. Brethren, help Trinity Church all you can; for they are worthy and in sore need.

St. Paul, Dayton, Rev. E. Burdsall pastor, is in one of the finest residence portions of the city. The Sabbath-school is the largest in the Conference, having an average attendance of over five hundred. The pastor has been abundant in labors, having made 1,795 pastoral visits. The aggregate contributions to the benevolences were \$1,260.

Raper Church, Dayton, has had two most prosperous years under the pastoral care of Rev. L. E. Prentiss. Total accessions for the past year, 114; net gain of full members, 62. Accessions for two years, 329; net gain of full members in two years, 209. The attendance at all the services is large; the spirit of the meetings excellent. The impression is made on the beholder that the Church is in the midst of a revival. At the last prayer-meeting of the Conference year one was converted. The prayer-meeting is remarkable for its numbers. By actual count, there were present at two meetings, the 14th and 21st of this hot month of August, 190 and 200 persons. The Vesper Service of the Epworth League on Sabbath evening fills the large lecture-room with an average attendance of 300. Mr. D. A. Sinclair, Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association of Dayton, coming to address the meeting on Sabbath evening, the 18th, looking out over the congregation of young people, said: "Is not this an unusual attendance?" On being told that this was about the usual number, he replied: "We have nothing like it in Dayton." The Epworthians of this Church have organized, and carry on an Epworth Mission Sabbath-school on South Main Street, which is taken under the jurisdiction of the Raper Church Quarterly Conference. This school has an average attendance of from 75 to 90. A midweek prayer-meeting and Sunday night preaching service is also carried on by the League. Dr. Prentiss is unceasing and untiring in his efforts, full of zeal for the Master, always abounding in the work of the Lord.

Broadway, Dayton, under the pastoral care of Rev. F. M. Clemans, has been growing in all lines of Church work. They have grown especially

in financial grace. Without wealth among its members, it has developed a spirit of giving which has been remarkable. This Church, on two different occasions, has laid over \$100 in cash in the baskets, each time, at the call of the Church. One Sabbath was designated as the debt-paying day, and \$600 in cash were laid in the baskets. This, with what had been contributed before, made a payment of \$810 on the debt. They hope, in two more efforts, to entirely liquidate the debt. Surely, if they continue thus to give, the Lord will "open the windows of heaven, and pour them out a blessing," according to his promise. The Sunday-school and Epworth League are both large and flourishing. The pastor has made 1,440 visits.

We come to the last and climax of this report of charges with the Church at Hamilton. Do you ask, "What have the membership at Hamilton been doing?" We say in reply: "Look around you upon this splendid church-building and parsonage, and read the record of their works." Do you ask again, "What they are now doing?" We say, "Look upon this large company of ministers whom they are hospitably welcoming to their homes and cheerfully entertaining while they are engaged in transacting the business incident to their annual gathering." Rev. J. W. Peters, the pastor, has been faithful in all lines of Church-work, and has been loyally supported by the people. Great harmony and peace pervade the Church, and the Official Board are among the most delightful with which the elder comes in contact. The Sabbath-school has been large and prosperous, the Epworth League flourishing.

We fear a falling off in the benevolent collections in view of the extreme stringency of the times. We have endeavored to give attention to the general subject of giving, and especially to the cause of missions.

Miss Lucy Sullivan, a returned missionary from India, of the Woman's Foreign Mission Work, made a tour of the district, visiting a majority of the charges and speaking to the people. Her presence, no doubt, was a blessing and a help to the people. The Women's Societies, both Home and Foreign, are efficient in awakening an interest in the work which they have in hand. There are no deficits in their reports.

For two years past we have had occasion to mention, in our report, the name of our beloved brother, Rev. M. Dustin, in connection with affliction, first, in the death of his loved daughter Mary, and again, in the death of his dear son Samuel, one year ago. At this time we mention him on account of his own personal affliction. He is suffering from what, in all probability, is an incurable difficulty; but in the midst of it all he is peaceful and serene, saying: "I am vibrating, like a pendulum, between life and death, and, whichever it may be, it is all right." We may not behold his face again at our Annual Conference; but he is ready, at the removal of the time limit, to receive his appointment for eternity.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.

J. W. MASON, Presiding Elder.

IN Ripley District, as it existed in 1889, there were twenty-five charges, extending in a southeasterly direction about seventy-five miles along the Ohio River, and reaching toward the north to the boundaries of the river counties. These limits had existed for years, and the opinion seemed to prevail that they were to exist unchanged for indefinite time. In spite of this fact, changes have come in the past six years. Ripley District has become Georgetown District, and the territory covered is now almost a third more than under the former plan. This leaves the outlines irregular, and not altogether satisfactory; but the old lines have been broken over. A thoroughly equitable arrangement of the district boundaries must be left to wiser heads. The forests are somewhat cleared. It remains to divide the

clearing into fields of just and convenient proportions. There is almost unanimous opposition to the enlargement of the district. The demand is for more service from the elder rather than less. The result of the elder's oversight is seen in the fact that while many Churches of other denominations all over this region are without pastors, not one of the 105 Methodist Episcopal societies is without a regular pastor. I was present when the question was asked in a Presbytery: "What shall be done to supply these vacant Churches?" The reply was: "We need the care of a Methodist presiding elder."

Both as pastors and people we have been unusually blessed with health. At a recent Quarterly Conference, the pastor reported one death among the membership of his charge—the only one in two years. Rev. Henry Stokes, for many years a member of the Conference, died at his home near Ripley, January 25th. It may be truly said of him he was a good man, a devoted Christian, consecrated to the work of the ministry, a soul-winner honoring his profession, and commending the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ. The call came suddenly, but his earnest life gives assurance that he was prepared.

Brothers W. S. Gray, H. E. Armacost, and H. C. Hutchinson, having concluded that it was not best for man to be alone, each took unto himself a helpmeet. The verdict of the membership on Chilo, Marathon, and Butlerville charges is that two are better than one.

The thirty-three pastors, including one supply, are chiefly young men, several of whom are not ordained. This increased the labor of the elder, as his presence was required in the administration of the sacraments. The advantages gained, however, more than compensate for the extra work.

I have sought to induce our young men to attend some one of our schools for a more thorough preparation for their work. Several have gone, others are going. They will, no doubt, return better equipped, provided the temper is not taken out of the steel, and they are not educated out of harmony with the doctrines of the Church.

The retired veteran members of the Conference in the district are in accord with the doctrines of the Church, and, as a rule, in active sympathy with the pastors in their work. They have willingly responded to all the calls I have made upon them.

The same may be said of the large corps of local preachers. This class of Christian helpers should be used by the pastors. Good results would attend wise management.

No new churches have been built during the year. There is little, if any, need of new ones. We already have more than are really necessary. Too many small societies have been formed, and churches erected. This is a serious hindrance to the work in some parts of the district.

There are twenty-three parsonages. The old one at Jacksonville has been superseded by a new and comfortable home at Peebles. This example should be followed by several of the circuits, as some of the parsonages are unsuitable homes for the families of pastors.

Financially, this has been the most trying of the past six years. In a large part of the district, serious damage to the crops by unusual drought has added to the existing business depression. The people have manifested their love for the cause of Christ, and, in the midst of embarrassments, have responded cheerfully and liberally in the support of the various Church interests. The result will show a decrease as compared with the record of last year.

There has been no decrease in the total allowances for pastor's salaries during the past six years. Some have been considerably advanced. Not all have been paid, and pastors have suffered; but their people have suffered with them. I hope the charges that are deficient, will not regard the account as closed; but will seek to bring up all arrears.

All the pastors have pursued their work with little interruption. They have not been without reward. All of the charges have had more or less prosperity.

The meetings were under the direction of the pastors, with little outside assistance. While the ingathering has not been so large, the result to the Churches promises to be permanent.

The class-meeting still has an existence in most of the charges, and, where sustained, is a power in promoting spiritual life and Christian activity. These meetings are attractive where tact is used in their management, and where there is wisdom in furnishing variety.

The Sunday-school is generally well organized. It is furnished with supplies from our own publishing-house, and is accomplishing much in preparing the children of the Church to receive the gospel. Few of us can conceive of the importance of the work committed to its care. The future Church, in its ministry and membership, is receiving its impress and inspiration from this department.

The Epworth League, the youngest child of the Church, had a rapid growth in the district, and has accomplished grand results. Some of the chapters have ceased to be active. No society in the Church is more worthy of our sympathy and care as Methodists. None will more richly repay the efforts put forth in its interest. It has been promotive of the spiritual growth and activity of our young people beyond that of any other agency employed at the present. But it can be expected to retain its life only while devoted to spiritual work in the Church. One of the most damaging hindrances is the enlisting of these young people in the payment of debts, and the support of outside interests. Under the direction of the pastors, let them be led to the accomplishment of their object: the promotion of vital and practical godliness. Several subdistrict meetings and one District League Convention were held. They were helpful and inspiring.

The ministerial meeting, held at Ripley, was well attended. The papers and discussions were above the ordinary, and the meeting is referred to as very helpful to the Church at that place, and to those who attended from a distance.

The question as to the change of the Second Restrictive Rule was submitted as directed. It elicited little attention from the membership. The result of the vote is as follows: 50 for, 359 against.

My record shows that during my six years of service I have traveled in my buggy not less than 30,000 miles, and have been absent from home on duty in the district about three years and seven months.

In grateful remembrance of the Christian kindness and cordiality shown me both by ministers and people in my oft-repeated visits, I bespeak the same for my successor, praying the blessing of God upon all.

J. W. MASON, *Presiding Elder*.

August 28, 1895.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

THOMAS H. PEARNE, *Presiding Elder*.

Mr. President and Brethren:

THE Hillsboro District contains 27 full charges and one small appointment, or preaching-place, called Memphis. Memphis was an out appointment of Sabina, seven miles away, having some 40 or 50 members. Memphis was last year set out alone.

The district covers all of Highland and Clinton Counties, nearly all of Greene, and parts of Warren, Fayette, Pike, Brown, and Adams Counties. Its area is about 2,000 square miles. The travel required, mostly by pike, is nearly 4,000 miles a year, and which I have this year traveled behind my blacks.

In the Hillsboro District there are 79 churches, valued at \$228,100, an average for each of \$2,896. There are 25 parsonages, valued at \$46,300, an

average for each of \$1,852; total value of church and parsonage property, \$274,400. Four thousand dollars has been expended in improving church property. The indebtedness on churches and parsonages is inconsiderable, say \$4,000, really only $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Fifteen parsonages are insured. Thirty-four per cent of their value is insured. Of churches, 16 per cent is insured, and of their value 41 per cent is covered by insurance.

All the titles to church property lands are by warranty deeds. This part of our work has been well done by my predecessors, Drs. Runyan and Pearson. There are 74 Sunday-schools, 1,037 officers and teachers, and about 8,000 scholars. There are 36 Epworth Leagues and 3,351 members, an increase of 6 Leagues and of 558 members. There are 20 Junior Leagues and 1,293 members, an increase of four Junior Leagues and of 258 members. Total number of Leagues, 56; total of members, 4,644.

More in detail: Hillsboro Station has had a year of great spiritual growth. Four hundred and fifty have professed religion. Under the labors of J. G. Talbot, evangelist, assisted and directed by our devoted, laborious, and useful veteran pastor, George H. Dart, these precious results have come. In this charge there are 900 members, 570 Epworth Leaguers, Junior and Senior, and an enrollment of 540 Sunday-school scholars. This station has great possibilities and responsibilities. Hillsboro Circuit has 6 appointments. A good measure of success has been enjoyed. In the first part of the year John H. Davis was alone on this work. Later, John S. Nayler has been his assistant. There has been a happy blending of toil and victory. One hundred have professed conversion.

On the Sinking Spring charge, B. F. Oswald has reaped a harvest of 150 souls. One hundred accessions to the Church.

On the Sugar Tree Ridge, James M. Roberts has been a supply. He has witnessed a wonderful visitation of grace. Two hundred and twenty have professed conversion. About two hundred have joined the Church. Besides this spiritual work, Brother Roberts has built one church and thoroughly rebuilt and remodeled another church edifice. The former I dedicated last December. The latter, at New Market, was dedicated this month by Dr. Pearson. He has also this year improved the parsonage and 3 other churches, at a cost, for all, of \$3,000.

Belfast has greatly enjoyed and been profited by their pastor, J. E. H. Sentman. He has faithfully looked after all Church interests, wisely preserved the Church from factional strife, and has taken all the collections. Revivals and accessions have occurred.

L. M. Davis, who was assigned by Bishop Goodsell to Rainsboro, was unable to do the work. John F. Trout, a local preacher, has supplied the work. Over 100 conversions have been recorded. This is Brother Trout's first year as a pastor. His return is requested.

Greenfield has over 1,000 members. Brother LeSourd, the pastor, had 500 conversions the year before this, and 125 the present year. In both these remarkable revivals Brother LeSourd was also the evangelist. The new church enterprise here, and for which \$22,500 are subscribed, hangs fire, from a difficulty of agreeing upon a site. There are 575 Epworth Leaguers and 147 Junior Leaguers. The Sabbath-school has an enrollment of 600, and an average attendance of 400. All collections taken and up to mark. Brother O. M. Sellers has completed his third year on Leesburg charge. Over a hundred conversions are recorded. Important church enterprises are in process.

New Vienna and Lexington has had a good year. John A. Easton, the pastor, has rejoiced in seeing showers of blessing falling upon the growing Church. The consecrated young people here are a most hopeful and promising element.

Memphis has been most effectively served by John H. Middleton, one of our superannuated preachers. One hundred and twenty-five conversions and accessions.

Sabina has passed her first year as a full station. Our earnest, irrepressible, tireless, and mercurial brother, J. R. Colley, a transfer two years

ago from Oregon, is the incumbent. Sabina is a most striking example of the truth of the Scriptures: "Unto him that hath shall be given." The new church is exquisitely beautiful. The parsonage is a gem, and both are well furnished and paid for. And yet this church has this year been frescoed at a cost of \$400, all paid for. Eighty accessions. Collections are all up.

John Wilson has just completed his second year on Lynchburg. His record is a most noble and inspiring one. Already success is achieved.

Bowersville has held its own, and made encouraging advances. Souls have been saved and increases are noted. J. A. Winkler, pastor.

Blanchester has had a pentecostal year. Brother Talbot, the evangelist, has assisted the pastor, J. H. McNary. In Midland City and Blanchester 350 have been converted. The Church debt of \$500 at Midland City, which for the past eight years or more has been an ever increasing incumbrance, has at last been paid. A station is now proposed, made up of Blanchester and Midland City, in lieu of the three appointments heretofore existing. The great revival was as life from the dead for Blanchester and Midland City.

Clarksville has had a prosperous year. Precious revivals have been realized. Revivals are sure restoratives. D. D. Cheney is the incumbent.

George B. Shanor, in his first year as a probationer, is the pastor of Martinsville charge. He is an earnest and successful worker. He has reveled in revivals, in paying off church indebtedness, and in raising church benevolences. He is a young man of tact and push and power.

Wilmington, E. T. Lane pastor, has had a year of peace and growth. Souls have been saved. Believers have been edified. The benevolences have made a handsome advance upon previous years.

Philip Trout has just closed his fourth year at New Burlington. In Church upbuilding, in soul-saving, in steadily-growing Church benevolences, Brother Trout's success has been phenomenal. Rather timidly he went to this, his fourth year of work. But he has fully justified himself for yielding in this instance to the urgency of his officaries for his return. He complied then. He is now fully ready to go back for the fifth year, and to which he has been unanimously called. His salary was increased this last year \$100.

J. S. Ruggles was made effective at our last session, and stationed at South Lebanon. He has filled the charge with ability. He is an able and vigorous preacher.

Morrow, W. G. Warner pastor, has had a year of substantial growth. One hundred conversions. Pastor and people in happy accord. Church improvements have been made.

Waynesville has had a delightful year of labor and fellowship with their new pastor, A. T. Cowgill. Revivals have prevailed. The outlook is hopeful.

Jamestown is one of our strong, solid charges. D. C. Vance is the incumbent. He has displayed his usual ability and zeal. Souls have been saved. The year has been fruitful of blessing.

Union Circuit—one of our oldest and best—has enjoyed the wise and faithful labors of Frank Leever. Revivals have occurred at several points. In all pastoral and Church lines Brother Leever is unrivaled.

At New Jasper, R. S. McColm has just closed his third year, and doubtless his best anywhere. His first two years were those of preparation and sowing. This year he has been shouting the harvest home. One hundred and forty conversions. A hundred accessions.

Trinity Church, Xenia, is enjoying C. M. Van Pelt's first year in his second charge. Prosperity and enlargement are seen quite obviously. Here the right man is in the right place. His return is unanimously requested.

The first Church, Xenia, has been renewing her youth. J. J. McCabe is still winning victories for Jesus. Over 100 conversions this year. Last year 300. The Sunday-school has an enrollment of 400. The two Epworth Leagues have a membership of 425. Rebuilding and remodeling the

church are in process, for which \$15,000 are subscribed. A furnace and other improvements are placed in the parsonage, which for sixty years has sheltered and homed the pastors of this veteran Church.

Winchester has had the labors of U. G. Humphrey in his second year. Aggressive, winning work has been done. Two hundred conversions. Churches and parsonage improved.

Mt. Orab, under the diligent hand of C. J. Wells, has neither been idle nor unfruitful. A new parsonage. A hundred conversions. What more needs be said? What a marvelous record! Nearly 3,000 souls won for Christ! How delightful the fellowship of labor! How enheartening the grand success! "The plowman has overtaken the reaper. He that treadeth out the grapes has overtaken the sower. The mountains have dropped sweet wine. The hills have melted."

Except Memphis, South Lebanon, and Hillsboro Circuits, all the other charges have comfortable parsonages. In South Lebanon the stone foundations of a parsonage are laid, at a cost of \$135.

The Disciplinary provisions for raising missionary moneys have been applied; not with so large success as we had hoped, yet as compared with former years we are on the up-grade. We raised last year for missions \$3,672, an average of 34 cents a year per member. The average for the whole Church was 50 cents a member; for the Conference, 43 cents a member per year. Our average was 9 cents below the Conference average, and 16 cents below the whole Church average. It was 35 cents below the average of Cincinnati District, 23 cents below the average of Springfield District, and 6 cents below that of the Dayton District. It is some comfort to know that while we are below these districts, there is one district below us. "Misery loves company." We have five charges first-class. We hope to exceed that this year, and go beyond both next year. The supernumeraries and superannuates in this district, ten in all, are loyal and faithful to the pastors. We praise God for the generally good health enjoyed by the pastors and their families in the year now closing.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

J. F. MARLAY, Presiding Elder.

THE most notable religious event of the past year, within the bounds of the Springfield District, was the great union revival-meeting held in Urbana by the evangelist, Rev. J. W. Chapman, of Philadelphia. Never, probably, in its history has that town been so deeply stirred on the subject of religion. Every congregation shared in the wonderful work of grace, and the converts were numbered by hundreds; but the revival and quickening of believers was not the least important part of the blessed work. The meetings were held, for the most part, in Grace Church, and for that reason, perhaps, Grace Church profited more largely than any other from the services. Here not less than two hundred were added to the membership, and the Sunday-school more than doubled its attendance. Under the leadership of its faithful pastor, Rev. J. G. Vaughan, Grace Church closes one of the best years in its history.

The ingathering at the First Church has not been so large; but that old, historic congregation was never more united and happy in its work. About seventy conversions occurred during the revival services, and no pastor has a warmer place in the hearts of his people than Rev. Geo. W. Dubois.

St. Paul Church, Springfield, under the wise and able leadership of its young pastor, Rev. Paul C. Curnick, has prospered both spiritually and financially. During the revival services of the early winter, Miss Anna L. Cartwright assisted the pastor most efficiently, and hundreds professed conversion, of whom a large number were added to the Church. Brother

Curnick has given special attention to the removal of the debt, which has long been an incubus upon this charge, and his success in that laudable effort has been most gratifying. Including an old note of \$6,000, paid by Brother Mast, there has been raised on the Church debt during the present pastorate, not less than \$15,000, which leaves that valuable church property practically out of debt.

At Central Church there has been a continuous revival during the year, and the blessed work still goes on. Dr. Rishell won the hearts of the people at the very beginning of his pastorate, and has had the most successful year of his ministry. His people very reluctantly surrender him to the important chair to which he has been called in the Boston School of Theology. Besides conducting revival services all the year, and making 1,100 pastoral visits, Dr. Rishell has provided for the payment of an old church debt of fifteen hundred dollars.

Clifton Avenue Church closes its first year as an organized society with a good record and a hopeful outlook. During the year 150 were added to the membership of the charge, on probation and by letter. A large and flourishing Sunday-school has been organized, and the pastor, Rev. A. L. Brokaw, comes to Conference with his apportionments for the various boards of the Church all fully met.

Grace Church, Springfield, has been almost paralyzed in its finances by the business stagnation. With many of its members out of employment during a large part of the year, it has been found impossible to meet current expenses. The pastor, Rev. D. Herr, has done admirable work under many discouragements, and reports some conversions and accessions.

At Arcanum, Rev. J. L. Dalbey pastor, the Church has been favored with one of the best revivals of recent years, fifty having been converted.

Brandt Circuit has had a year of marked prosperity, spiritual and financial, under the efficient ministry of Rev. W. R. Buckles, a local preacher employed on that work as a supply.

Catawba Circuit has been favored with a glorious revival during the past year. At Catawba, especially, the work was blessed and extensive beyond anything in its recent history. Rev. C. D. Munsey will report nearly a hundred additions to the Church on that work.

The year on Dialton Circuit has been one of victory on all lines of Church work. Rev. W. A. Wiant, the pastor, serving his first charge, has made this a model circuit, each society of the circuit having now for three years reported quarterly all claims paid in full. The pastor will report not less than a hundred conversions during the year.

At Greenville our people have met with a great disaster in the total destruction of their church by fire recently. Unfortunately there was but a small insurance on the building, and yet, under the inspiring leadership of their pastor, Rev. A. N. Spahr, and our beloved Rev. Jno. W. Cassatt, who resides there, the people at once resolved to arise and build. A new and more eligible lot was secured—the finest for the purpose probably in the town—and a subscription at once started. The generosity of our own people, and of the citizens of Greenville generally, in responding to this call has exceeded all expectations, and we shall, no doubt, soon have a church edifice in that beautiful and growing town suitable to our needs.

On Mutual Circuit, Rev. J. R. Hunter pastor, there has been an increase of about sixty from probation, the result of a gracious revival at Mutual during the winter.

In Piqua, Dr. F. G. Mitchell, Greene Street, and Rev. W. H. Wehrley, Grace Church, have worked together earnestly and harmoniously, and have done much to unify and strengthen Methodism in that important and growing city. Both charges are prospering spiritually and financially. The revival at Favorite Place Mission, in charge of Rev. James Howard, a local preacher, resulted in sixty conversions and fifty accessions to the Church. Excellent revival services were held also at both the other charges.

On the South Charleston Circuit, Rev. J. W. Lucas pastor, at nearly every appointment successful revival-meetings were held, and, as a result, about seventy were added to the Church.

At Westville, Tremont Circuit, Rev. R. K. Deem pastor, over thirty conversions and accessions have been reported. On Troy Circuit, Rev. L. O. Deputy, the pastor, has had a good year, with about fifty additions to the Church.

Tippecanoe City has prospered greatly under the ministry of Rev. J. R. Hill, who has not only had a good revival of religion, but has secured good subscriptions of \$6,000, with which to remodel our church at that place. The corner-stone of the new edifice was laid a few weeks ago with imposing ceremonies, and the work is being pushed with great energy. When finally completed, this will be one of the handsomest churches in the district.

Two pastors in the Springfield District—Rev. V. F. Brown, at Troy, and Rev. H. C. Middleton, at Yellow Springs—have completed the full term of five years, and with growing favor and usefulness to the last. If the time-limit were removed now, both these pastors would undoubtedly remain in their present field of labor.

Three of our pastors have labored during the year under great physical disabilities. I refer to Rev. James Murray, Mechanicsburg, Rev. J. P. Shultz, New Carlisle, and Rev. I. C. Page, Christiansburg. These are among our ablest and most useful ministers, and it is a pleasure to be able to say that, although broken in health, they have all labored even beyond their strength, and so endeared themselves to their people that they have all been invited to return.

The Rev. Dr. T. S. Cowden, one of the oldest members of this Conference, died during the year at his home in Troy. He served the Church faithfully in many of the leading pulpits of the Conference, and for one term in the office of presiding elder. He was an able preacher, a faithful pastor, and greatly esteemed by the Churches he served.

Rev. W. B. Jackson, a veteran member of this body, and for many years in the superannuated relation, died since our last session, at his home in Urbana. He was a zealous and earnest preacher, greatly beloved in his fields of labor. For thirty years he served the Church faithfully and well in the work of the ministry; and while he now rests from his labors, his works do follow him.

Rev. John G. Black, an honored member of this body, now in the superannuated relation, has, during the year, been bereaved of his faithful, beloved wife, who, for so many years, was the light and joy of his home.

Mrs. Stephen F. Conrey, the widow of one of our ablest and saintliest ministers, died recently at the home of her son in Syracuse, New York. She was a noble, sweet-spirited woman, widely and favorably known throughout our Conference.

The Epworth League now numbers 43 chapters with 2,990 members, besides 11 chapters of Juniors with a membership of 1,000, making a total of nearly 4,000 young people enrolled in these organizations for Christian work. The Annual District Meeting in Greene Street Church, Piqua, in October last, was by far the most successful and the most largely-attended Convention yet held in the district. I have observed that this splendid organization can be as effectively handled in the country as in the city, some of our best societies being in the rural districts.

We have, in Springfield District, an army of Sunday-school scholars eight thousand strong, under the leadership of sixteen hundred faithful officers and teachers. With scarcely an exception, these schools use the lesson helps and other literature of the Methodist Book Concern; and I am satisfied, from personal observation, that there is a constantly growing interest in the work of this strong right-arm of the Church.

Our church property is held by good titles, and, with few exceptions, well insured. During the year Nation Chapel, on Catawba Circuit, has been enlarged and improved at an outlay of about \$1,200, and is now one

of the most commodious and attractive country churches in the Conference. At Jaysville, in Darke County, a new and neat church is being erected at a cost of about \$1,200. The churches and parsonages of the district are now, with scarcely an exception, in excellent repair.

The prolonged drought of the past summer, and the consequent failure of crops—the severest loss to our farmers in many years—added to the continued financial depression throughout the country, must necessarily affect our benevolent collections this year, as well as the payment of the pastors' salaries. Still, I hope the reports will show but little, if any, falling off as compared with last year. It should be borne in mind, however, that, besides a special contribution of \$500 last year, we had then the very efficient help for a week of Secretaries McCabe and Leonard, whose sermons and addresses materially helped to swell the aggregate of our collections.

A growing evil in some parts of our work, and one which needs to have a prompt correction applied, is the holding of special services in our churches by irresponsible and incompetent evangelists, so-called, who thrust themselves upon the people, often alienate members of the Church from their pastors, and sow the seeds of dissension generally. One of these adventurers, who spent several weeks in one of our charges, is now proven to be a gross imposter, with a most unsavory record, including a term in a Western penitentiary. There have been other cases where serious divisions have been produced through the misguided, not to say mischievous, efforts of ignorant fanatics, which it may require years to heal. There are noble and consecrated men and women engaged in evangelistic work, worthy of the fullest confidence of the Church, upon whose labors God has put the seal of his approbation. But there seems to be a growing class of weak imitators of the true evangelist, to whom the doors of our churches should never be opened.

Although the pastors of our district will generally report their salaries paid in full, yet, I regret to say, there are a few cases in which earnest and faithful ministers are suffering very serious financial embarrassment from the failure of the Church to meet its voluntarily assumed obligations. The question is constantly asked by those who have charge of the Church finances, "What can be done with members of the Church who, for years, neglect or refuse to contribute to the support of the ministry and the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom?" That some remedy should be found for so great an evil is felt by every one; and yet there is a strong reluctance on the part of pastors and official boards to go to the extreme of preferring charges against such delinquents. Perhaps the next General Conference may, in its wisdom, give some direction to the Church on this subject. It is certain, I think, that not only in the State, but in the Church also, there is a need of a revival of law and order, and respect for authority, and the exercise of a godly, wholesome discipline.

B. STATISTICS.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS' REPORT.

QUESTION 30—*What are the Claims on the Conference Funds?*

ANSWER. \$12,087 00

QUESTION 31—*What has been received on these Claims, and how has it been applied?*

RECEIPTS.

ANSWER—From Chartered Fund,	\$25 00
From Conference Trustees,	428 10
From Mears Fund,	135 44
From Mears Fund of last year,	10 05
From Book Concern Dividend,	1,676 00
From the charges,	5,865 00
From balance of last year,	53 82

Total, \$8,193 41

DISBURSEMENTS.

CLAIMANTS.	TO WHOM DELIVERED.	Estimate of Stew- ards.	Amount paid . .	POST-OFFICE OF CLAIM- ANTS.
MINISTERS				
Rev. R. A. Arthur, . . .	By mail,	\$50 00	\$33 50	Addison, W. Va.
Rev. J. G. Black, . . .	Self,	350 00	234 50	New Carlisle, O.
Rev. J. W. Cassatt, . . .	A. N. Spahr,	400 00	268 00	Greenville, O.
Rev. M. Dustin, . . .	E. Burdsall,	100 00	67 00	Dayton, O.
Rev. G. M. Edgar, . . .	Self,	175 00	117 25	Winchester, O.
Rev. S. W. Edmiston, . .	Self,	250 00	167 50	Winchester, O.
Rev. G. W. Fee, . . .	C. J. Wells,	350 00	234 50	Mt. Orab, O.
Rev. W. I. Fee, . . .	Self,	400 00	268 00	Piqua, O.
Rev. T. E. Fidler, . . .	J. G. Vaughan,	275 00	184 25	Urbana, O.
Rev. J. I. Gregg, . . .	By mail,	175 00	117 25	Manhattan, Kan.
Rev. A. M. Griffith, . . .	Self,	200 00	134 00	Sabina, O.
Rev. Wm. Herr, . . .	Wm. A. Robinson, . . .	400 00	268 00	Dayton, O.
Rev. J. W. Hickman, . .	C. J. Wells,	250 00	167 50	Williamsburg, O.
Rev. J. F. Hull, . . .	By mail,	200 00	134 00	Rolland, Ala.
Rev. F. W. Hypes, . . .	W. T. Stafford,	75 00	50 25	Owensville, O.
Rev. E. P. James, . . .	Self,	225 00	150 75	Delaware, O.
Rev. M. Kauffman, . . .	Self,	125 00	83 75	Springfield, O.
Rev. H. M. Keck, . . .	J. W. Peters,	200 00	134 00	Hamilton, O.
Rev. J. F. Loyd, . . .	Self,	400 00	268 00	Delaware, O.
Rev. S. N. Marsh, . . .	By mail,	250 00	167 50	Fresno, Cal.
Rev. J. H. Middleton, . .	Self,	300 00	201 00	Sabina, O.
Rev. Adam Miller, . . .	Self,	200 00	134 00	Chicago, Ill.
Rev. Henry Miller, . . .	Self,	325 00	217 75	Delaware, O.
Rev. W. T. McMullen, . .	W. T. Stafford,	75 00	50 25	Owensville, O.
Rev. I. C. Page, . . .	A. L. Brokaw,	250 00	167 50	Christiansburg, O.
Rev. W. J. Quarry, . . .	S. W. Campbell,	250 00	167 50	Felicity, O.
Rev. E. C. Smith, . . .	I. Collett,	300 00	201 00	Cleves, O.
Rev. W. H. Sutherland, .	T. Collett,	400 00	268 00	Wyoming, O.
Rev. J. I. Taggart, . . .	John Trout,	100 00	67 00	Rainsboro, O.
Rev. J. Vance, . . .	F. E. Vance,	175 00	117 25	New Moorefield, O.
Rev. T. Wones, . . .	C. Wones,	100 00	67 00	Springfield, O.
Rev. L. F. Young, . . .	C. J. Wells,	100 00	67 00	Mt. Orab, O.

CLAIMANTS.	TO WHOM DELIVERED.	Estimate of Stew- ards . .	Amount paid . .	POST-OFFICE OF CLAIM- ANTS.
WIDOWS.				
Mrs. M. G. Baker,	J. J. McCabe,	\$150 00	\$100 50	Xenia, O.
Mrs. A. U. Beall,	T. Collett,	100 00	67 00	Monroe, O.
Mrs. J. P. Bishop,	A. L. Brokaw,	100 00	67 00	Springfield, O.
Mrs. W. M. Boyer,	T. D. Moore,	75 00	50 25	Manchester, O.
Mrs. S. A. Brewster,	P. C. Curnick,	250 00	167 50	Springfield, O.
Mrs. D. Callahan,	M. B. Fuller,	150 00	100 50	Georgetown, O.
Mrs. G. C. Crum,	C. T. Crum,	225 00	150 75	Xenia, O.
Mrs. H. M. Curry,	By mail,	250 00	167 50	Delaware, O.
Mrs. J. W. Fowble,	By mail,	175 00	117 25	New Moorefield, O.
Mrs. W. H. Fyffe,	G. V. Morris,	200 00	134 00	Batavia, O.
Mrs. Jessie Hall,	J. M. Meeker,	150 00	100 50	Point Pleasant, O.
Mrs. J. J. Hill,	T. Collett,	200 00	134 00	Dayton, O.
Mrs. W. E. Hines,	C. J. Wells,	200 00	134 00	Williamsburg, O.
Mrs. J. N. Irvin,	By mail,	250 00	167 50	Columbus, O.
Mrs. C. Kalbfus,	C. H. Kalbfus,	100 00	67 00	Frostburg, Md.
Mrs. G. H. Kennedy,	By mail,	250 00	167 50	Pippecanoe City, O.
Mrs. Eli Kirk,	J. G. Black,	100 00	67 00	Christiansburg, O.
Mrs. N. McDonald,	P. C. Curnick,	200 00	134 00	Springfield, O.
Mrs. Wm. Morrow,	By mail,	150 00	100 50	Washington, D. C.
Mrs. A. Musgrove,	J. G. Black,	150 00	100 50	Christiansburg, O.
Mrs. Joseph Newson,	J. G. Black,	250 00	167 50	New Carlisle, O.
Mrs. J. M. Robinson,	By mail,	75 00	50 25	Mingo, O.
Mrs. John Shinn,	By mail,	200 00	134 00	Marysville, O.
Mrs. D. H. Sargent,	J. P. Porter,	100 00	67 00	Lebanon, O.
Mrs. J. W. Stone,	By mail,	50 00	33 50	Waverly, Iowa.
Mrs. A. W. Tibbitts,	D. C. Vance,	200 00	134 00	Jamestown, O.
Mrs. L. F. Van Cleve,	V. F. Brown,	100 00	67 00	Troy, O.
Mrs. E. G. West,	F. G. Mitchell,	200 00	134 00	Urbana, O.
Funeral expenses of Mrs.				
C. R. Lovell (net),	M. E. Ketchum,	55 00	55 00	Hamilton, O.
Publication of Minutes (net),		5 00	5 00	
Stationary (net),		2 00	2 00	
Balance in hands of Treasurer,			74 66	
Total disbursements,			\$8193 41	

E. BURDSALL, *Chairman*.
M. LESOURD, *Secretary*.
T. COLLETT, *Treasurer*.
J. E. H. SENTMAN,

M. E. KETCHAM,
D. C. VANCE,
A. D. MADDOX,
J. L. SHIVELEY,

J. P. MCCOLM,
R. E. SMITH,
D. D. CHENEY.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURER.

AS shown in the statistical table, page 486, giving the amounts, by districts, paid to the various causes, the benevolent collections aggregated \$65,948. Of this amount \$39,832 were vouchers, and \$26,127 cash. To this cash must be added \$11.39, the amount of fractional dollars reported, making the total cash \$26,138.39. The detailed reports from the charges, given in the statistical tables, pages 498-504, have been compared with the Treasurer's receipts, as required by the Discipline, Art. 82, §7, and are correct. The cash receipts have been distributed as follows:

To Cranston & Curts,	\$19,774 00
To C. H. Payne, Children's Day Fund,	532 00
To J. W. Bashford, for Ohio Wesleyan University,	221 00
To H. C. Weakley, for Deaconess Home,	430 00
To M. Swadener, for Cincinnati Church Extension,	149 00
To Conference Stewards,	4,871 00
To F. G. Mitchell, for American University,	50 00
To A. B. Leonard, for Missions,	100 00
To Publishing Committee,	11 39

Total, \$26,138 39

The vouchers for these various amounts can be seen in the hands of the Treasurer.

C. W. ELLIOTT, *Conference Treasurer*.

HAMILTON, O., September 3, 1895.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURER, 1895.

	Cincinnati District.			Dayton District.			Georgetown District.			Hillsboro District.			Springfield District.			TOTAL.		Grand Total . . .
	Cash . . .	Voucher .	Total . .	Cash . . .	Voucher .	Total . .	Cash . . .	Voucher .	Total . .	Cash . . .	Voucher .	Total . .	Cash . . .	Voucher .	Total . .	Cash . . .	Voucher .	
For Missions,	\$3,085	\$4,349	\$7,434 †	\$2,955	\$638	\$3,593	\$1,277	\$563	\$1,840	\$3,283	\$360	\$3,643	\$3,907	\$1,695	\$5,602 *	\$14,507	\$7,605	\$22,112
For Sunday-school Union,	78	116	194	43	18	61	33	4	37	51	6	57	42	21	63	247	165	412
For Tract Cause,	49	101	150	35	18	53	35	4	39	57	8	65	40	17	57	216	148	364
For Church Extension,	231	571	802	280	52	332	152	34	186	291	45	336	279	166	445	1,233	868	2,101
For Freedmen's Aid and S. Ed. Soc.,	698	660	1,358	272	45	317	119	26	145	256	46	302	277	194	471	1,622	971	2,593
For Education: Children,	96	106	202	143	97	240	78	63	141	89	93	182	126	426	552	532	785	1,317
Other Causes,	68	153	221	36	13	49	24	47	71	49	18	67	44	80	124	221	311	532
For American Bible Society,	79	155	234	45	43	88	16	4	20	19	84	103	32	143	175	191	429	620
For W. F. M. Society,	15	3,314	3,329	6	1,230	1,236	5	261	266	20	718	738	47	1,075	1,122	93	6,598	6,691
For W. H. M. Society,	7	3,072	3,079	1	1,358	1,359	6	102	108	26	797	823	3	1,856	1,859	43	7,185	7,228
For Episcopal Fund,	440	147	587	235	6	241	124	28	152	203	17	220	236	30	266	1,238	228	1,466
For Conference Claimants,	1,361	730	2,091	1,056	20	1,076	550	20	570	948	.....	948	956	224	1,180	4,871	994	5,865
For General Conference Expenses, .	95	60	155	108	8	116	60	19	79	142	.....	142	79	.....	79	484	87	571
For Other Collections,	194	6,368	6,562	.....	655	655	17	121	138	15	202	217	5	1,510	1,515	231	8,856	9,087
For Deaconess-work,	157	2,348	2,505	57	849	906	37	186	223	127	648	775	20	561	581	398	4,592	4,990
Totals by Districts,	6,653	22,250	28,903	5,272	5,050	10,322	2,533	1,482	4,015	5,576	3,042	8,618	6,093	7,998	14,091	26,127	39,832	65,949

* \$100 of this total is a special gift of Troy friends for naming a room in the S. A. Brewster Memorial School, at Hing Hua, China, the room to bear the name of Rev. T. S. Cowden; and \$30, a special gift of Edwin M. Foster, for a native preacher in Hing Hua, China.

† \$100 of this total is a special gift for Bishop Thoburn's work in India.

GENERAL STATISTICS, No. 1.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY,

J. H. McNARY, Monroe, Ohio.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPT.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.				CHURCH PROPERTY.						
	Probationers.	Full Members.	Local Pr-thers.	Deaths.	Children Bapt.	Adults Bapt.	Schools.	Others & Tr'rs.	Scholars of all ages.	Churches.	Probable Val.	Parsonages.	Probable Val.	P-d for build & Impr'v. Chrs. & Parsonages.	Pd. on old in- debtedness on Ch. Property.	P-re-sen-t in- debtedness on Ch. Property.	
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.																	
Avondale.....	3	154	1	1	2	3	1	18	146	1	\$30,000	.....	\$105	.....	.....	\$2,767
Bond Hill and Pleasant Ridge	3	146	.....	2	1	.....	2	30	156	2	8,000	.....	240	.....	\$72	62
Carthage and Elmwood Place.	10	233	.....	3	13	15	1	56	450	2	9,500	.....	.....	300	.....	.....
Cheviot.....	10	136	.....	.....	1	.....	1	28	130	1	3,500	1	\$34,000	.....	.....	.....
Cincinnati: Asbury.....	19	194	.....	53	3	.....	1	29	200	1	15,000	1	3,500	.....	.....	.....
Camp Washington.....	2	121	.....	2	2	1	1	18	183	1	6,000	.....	.....	16	.....	.....
Christie.....	12	306	1	4	4	6	1	23	235	1	20,000	1	7,000	.....	190	.....
Church Extension Society....	200	210	.....	12	62	80	5	60	600	3	19,000	.....	.....	.....	5,267	10,000
Columbia.....	16	261	2	3	5	2	2	27	397	2	11,500	1	4,000	.....	200	208
Cumminsville.....	18	313	.....	9	17	20	1	31	375	1	35,000	.....	.....	3,000	.....	3,250
Fairmount.....	9	192	.....	4	12	4	1	28	247	1	4,000	1	3,500	.....	.....	.....
Finley.....	13	175	1	3	12	4	1	30	200	1	13,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
McKendree.....	58	411	1	6	25	19	1	33	375	1	16,000	.....	.....	.....	200	.....
Mount Auburn.....	6	124	2	1	4	.....	1	15	150	1	30,000	.....	.....	.....	208	3,616
Mount Lookout.....	8	192	1	.....	7	13	1	18	180	1	5,000	1	2,500	.....	100	.....
Pearl Street.....	24	142	.....	2	2	8	1	12	155	1	11,000	1	4,000	.....	25	.....
Pendleton.....	.....	196	1	5	5	8	1	27	180	1	12,000	.....	.....	.....	120	.....
Price Hill.....	14	95	1	.....	7	2	1	20	140	1	14,000	.....	.....	.....	170	.....
St. John.....	6	114	.....	.....	7	6	1	12	100	1	13,000	.....	.....	.....	245	.....
St. Paul.....	8	403	1	8	16	8	1	33	288	1	85,000	1	15,000	.....	.....	.....
Trinity.....	15	376	2	4	15	9	1	25	425	1	75,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Walnut Hills.....	7	494	2	4	13	3	1	37	318	1	60,000	1	15,000	.....	100	.....
Wesley.....	53	384	1	10	12	9	1	65	405	1	80,000	1	10,000	.....	750	.....
York Street.....	16	227	.....	4	19	3	1	23	250	1	12,000	.....	.....	.....	205	.....
Cleves and Addyston.....	25	185	.....	2	10	20	2	26	250	2	8,000	.....	.....	.....	50	800
Clifton.....	3	43	.....	1	1	.....	1	12	36	1	35,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,700
Delhi.....	5	126	.....	2	22	5	1	20	140	1	4,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Groesbeck.....	9	143	.....	2	1	.....	2	23	140	2	4,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hartwell.....	4	268	2	3	12	6	.....	.....	.....	2	15,000	1	3,500	.....	300	2,700
Harrison.....	60	194	.....	28	5	34	1	15	112	1	10,000	1	2,000	.....	30	57
Lock and Wyoming.....	17	274	2	4	8	7	1	22	143	1	35,000	1	6,000	.....	.....	.....
Loveland.....	.....	140	3	4	.....	.....	2	26	150	2	3,000	.....	.....	.....	150	.....
Madisonville.....	13	422	2	5	8	3	1	31	225	1	22,000	1	5,000	.....	930	180
Miami.....	.....	201	3	3	8	2	3	30	139	4	5,000	.....	.....	.....	30	2,400
Newtown.....	10	430	.....	4	.....	1	5	66	433	5	10,000	1	2,500	.....	4,000	250
Norwood-Ivanhoe.....	4	252	.....	2	7	4	2	35	283	2	9,000	.....	.....	.....	130	1,100
Riverside.....	1	144	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	26	155	2	5,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,000
Venice (Ross).....	1	215	.....	2	1	14	4	40	210	4	10,000	1	600	.....	186	.....
Winton Place.....	2	138	1	1	10	2	1	25	160	1	15,300	1	10,700	.....	500	2,900
Totals.....	684	7,680	24	126	363	321	61	1095	5,861	(6)	680,300	7	97,800	12,002	6,842	38,050	
DAYTON DISTRICT.																	
Bethany.....	8	215	1	2	2	19	1	16	80	2	5,000	1	1,200	.....	225	.....
Camden and Summerville.....	.....	286	.....	2	2	5	3	47	270	3	8,800	1	1,500	.....	155	.....
Centerville.....	6	405	.....	3	29	11	3	50	380	3	12,000	1	1,500	.....	75	.....
Concord (Vandalia).....	18	234	1	4	.....	12	4	11	301	4	6,500	1	500	.....	75	.....
Dayton: Broadway.....	20	728	.....	8	20	8	1	59	525	1	15,000	1	3,000	.....	54	1,100
Grace.....	9	666	.....	11	17	2	1	30	290	1	75,000	1	10,000	.....	.....	2,400
Homestead Ave., Riverdale	4	118	1	1	4	9	2	29	150	1	1,100	.....	.....	.....	600	.....
Raper.....	20	860	2	9	7	13	1	50	610	1	28,000	1	3,000	.....	500	300
St. Paul.....	14	656	2	11	19	10	1	47	820	1	25,000	.....	.....	150	.....	800
Trinity.....	33	257	3	6	5	7	1	41	312	1	12,000	1	3,000	.....	100	4,900
Eaton.....	6	403	1	5	1	7	1	26	210	1	30,000	1	3,000	.....	60	.....
Fair Haven.....	12	269	.....	2	2	4	2	28	225	2	3,000	1	700	.....	.....	.....
Fort Jefferson.....	18	123	.....	.....	5	.....	2	26	223	2	1,800	1	900	.....	450	164
Franklin.....	17	369	.....	2	5	9	1	20	275	1	20,000	1	3,000	.....	2,656	1,650
Germantown.....	4	141	.....	2	2	5	1	22	103	1	2,500	.....	.....	.....	75	.....
Glendale and Sharonville.....	15	127	.....	4	.....	2	2	20	80	2	7,000	.....	.....	.....	55	.....
Gordon.....	3	143	2	1	2	5	3	88	415	4	3,000	1	500	.....	150	.....
Hamilton.....	9	513	.....	3	6	5	1	41	475	1	45,000	1	5,000	.....	300	5,000
Lewisburg.....	29	186	1	2	6	17	3	45	257	3	6,000	1	1,200	.....	260	.....
Miamisburg.....	10	265	1	1	5	8	1	27	301	1	8,000	2	4,500	.....	214	400
Middletown.....	.....	663	1	5	1	10	1	30	399	1	45,000	1	4,800	.....	.....	.....
Monroe.....	8	180	.....	2	6	2	2	27	140	2	6,000	1	2,000	.....	25	.....
New Paris.....	4	155	.....	6	2	4	2	22	111	4	4,000	1	800	.....	344	133
Osborn.....	1	280	.....	4	20	22	4	60	350	4	13,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oxford.....	5	328	1	5	.....	11	1	21	175	1	20,000	1	2,000	.....	324	.....
Port Union (Stockton).....	13	101	.....	.....	2	3	2	20	100	3	5,700	1	2,500	.....	76	.....
Red Lion.....	.....	136	.....	2	.....	2	1	9	55	1	5,000	1	1,500	.....	147	.....
Seven Mile.....	226	1	2	1	25	150	2	10,000	1	1,500	200	
Springboro.....	3	130	2	1	1	9	90	1	2,000	1	1,000	10	

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	Probationers..	Full Members.	Local Prbhers.	Deaths	Children Bp'd.	Adults Bap'd.	Schools.....	Offrs & T'hrs.	Scholars of all ages	Churches.....	Probable Val..	Parsonages....	Probable Val..	Pd. for build. & improv. Chrs. and Par..	Pd. on old in-debtedness on Ch. Property.	Present in-crease on Ch. Property.
Walker & Union (Reiley).....	6	134	...	...	...	...	1	20	86	2	\$3,500	...	...	\$325	...	...
West Alexandria.....	14	160	...	1	...	1	1	23	150	1	3,500	...	...	50	...	...
West Carrollton.....	21	147	...	3	2	7	1	21	175	1	1,800	...	...	...	...	...
West Chester.....	18	125	...	3	...	12	2	24	150	1	1,500	1	\$1,500	...	...	...
West Elkton.....	2	162	6	...	...	12	3	33	275	5	3,000	...	...	...	...	...
Total.....	350	9,891	24	118	175	256	61	1070	8,641	65	438,700	26	60,100	6,371	\$7,534	\$11447
GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.																
Aberdeen.....	21	380	...	4	1	30	4	56	334	4	6,000	1	1,000	215	65	300
Amelia.....	22	400	1	6	...	...	3	40	250	4	4,000	1	2,000	1,500	...	725
Batavia.....	30	220	...	3	1	7	1	28	249	1	12,000	1	1,500	150	300	...
Bethel.....	1	377	1	6	3	41	5	59	385	4	4,800	1	400	...	...	...
Blue Creek.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Butlerville.....	...	250	...	3	4	7	4	55	250	4	5,500	...	...	300	...	...
Centen.ry.....	2	322	3	2	...	2	...	5	59	3	8,000	...	...	...	30	35
Chilo.....	30	304	...	3	...	4	4	50	312	4	6,000	...	...	25	...	...
Decatur.....	2	311	2	2	1	10	4	59	290	4	7,000	1	500	110	...	...
Feesburg.....	4	220	1	3	1	15	4	52	265	4	4,000	1	1,100	100	...	213
Felicity.....	6	290	1	6	13	1	2	35	250	2	4,000	1	1,000	...	...	...
Georgetown.....	18	443	...	...	1	46	3	30	275	3	7,000	1	700	175	...	...
Goshen.....	11	364	...	7	13	7	3	35	230	3	3,000	1	1,000	50	...	...
Peebles.....	3	385	3	4	...	16	4	45	450	4	2,000	2	1,300	715	...	208
Laurel.....	5	508	1	5	4	14	4	62	345	4	6,000	1	250	142	...	...
Lebanon.....	4	340	4	5	4	5	1	25	300	1	12,000	1	3,000	420	1,650	...
Lebanon Circuit.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Maineville.....	13	190	...	5	13	2	2	25	215	2	4,000	1	1,000	218	...	...
Manchester.....	46	400	1	7	12	4	3	44	350	3	8,500	1	1,500	50	...	...
Marathon.....	25	422	2	5	...	...	5	65	325	5	4,850	1	300	...	...	...
Mason.....	(8)	200	...	...	...	...	3	(31)	(245)	(3)	(5,800)	(1)	(3500)	...	...	...
Milford.....	10	228	...	2	8	5	1	22	150	1	6,500	1	2,500	250	...	400
Montgomery.....	5	104	1	2	3	...	3	30	145	3	5,900	...	...	...	...	250
Moscow.....	23	310	2	7	2	8	4	54	306	4	12,200	...	...	100	1,479	...
Mount Washington.....	6	166	1	3	1	...	2	27	150	2	5,500	...	...	...	...	...
New Richmond.....	13	261	...	4	4	6	1	19	180	1	5,000	1	1,000	40	100	500
Owensville and Newtonville	10	490	1	6	2	50	4	56	400	4	8,200	1	1,800	358	50	75
Ripley.....	5	245	1	8	...	1	...	22	160	1	20,000	1	2,000	225	...	...
Summerside.....	12	251	1	5	3	5	4	50	350	4	7,000	1	1,250	30	...	...
West Union.....	11	409	1	5	1	43	3	40	227	3	3,400	1	800	...	...	...
Williamsburg.....	15	275	2	2	4	8	1	25	150	1	5,000	1	2,000	125	...	...
Williamsburg Circuit.....	20	424	1	4	...	...	4	54	350	5	5,100	...	...	175	...	...
Total.....	373	9,320	31	124	100	397	92	1254	8,494	93	192,450	24	37,400	4,963	1,415	5,835
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.																
Belfast (Bell).....	20	575	1	9	...	13	6	68	375	6	6,800	1	1,000	228	619	175
Blanchester.....	100	375	1	2	30	45	3	40	375	3	7,500	1	1,600	200	560	800
Bowersville.....	7	232	1	1	1	8	3	39	194	4	6,100	1	1,000	20	...	...
Clarksville.....	12	216	...	5	...	6	5	63	259	4	7,050	1	1,000	...	...	...
Greenfield.....	80	928	1	12	10	25	1	33	650	1	12,000	1	2,500	150	...	...
Hillsboro.....	120	801	2	11	20	100	1	30	500	1	12,000	1	3,000	100	...	...
Hillsboro Circuit.....	61	436	3	11	7	31	7	75	400	6	8,000	...	...	200	...	...
Jamestown.....	3	285	...	3	1	2	1	23	215	1	12,000	1	2,000	364	...	...
Leesburg.....	21	403	2	8	11	32	3	52	400	3	8,500	1	1,800	...	...	...
Lynchburg.....	4	365	1	4	4	22	3	65	275	3	5,000	1	1,500	100	300	...
Martinsville.....	4	150	...	2	20	5	3	36	140	4	4,800	1	700	30	40	...
Memphis.....	12	114	1	...	...	52	1	26	100	1	2,000	...	...	...	...	...
Morrow.....	12	221	1	3	...	5	1	20	137	1	3,500	1	1,500	125	...	...
Mount Orab.....	30	425	2	7	2	48	4	56	430	4	5,800	1	1,200	600	...	...
New Burlington.....	27	473	2	3	...	8	4	58	296	4	6,900	1	1,800	380	...	200
New Jasper.....	36	350	...	1	6	34	3	40	250	3	7,500	1	1,600	...	...	...
New Vienna and Lexington	7	328	2	1	...	8	2	44	244	2	9,500	1	2,000	115	100	...
Rainsboro.....	8	374	1	5	5	23	4	58	439	4	9,600	1	1,200	15	80	...
Sabina.....	38	312	...	3	...	6	1	25	230	1	14,000	1	2,000	450	...	...
Sinking Spring.....	60	404	1	...	1	22	3	40	250	4	2,500	1	500	...	33	...
South Lebanon.....	...	138	...	...	...	2	1	14	78	1	2,500	...	...	135	...	...
Sugar Tree Ridge.....	15	400	2	10	12	104	5	75	325	6	6,000	1	250	3,000	...	...
Union and Spring Valley.....	34	303	1	3	4	2	5	67	286	5	5,900	1	800	125	...	...
Waynesville.....	4	236	...	...	3	11	2	33	185	2	6,300	1	2,000	200	...	...
Wilmington.....	26	300	...	4	...	7	1	22	140	1	12,000	1	2,500	60	...	...
Winchester.....	20	538	2	7	6	34	4	57	450	4	7,500	1	1,000	1,260	...	400
Xenia: First Church.....	57	643	2	7	24	61	1	32	400	1	25,000	1	6,000	470	...	400
Trinity.....	26	345	...	4	1	11	1	27	165	1	20,000	1	5,000	1,392	...	...
Total.....	844	10673	29	126	175	740	79	1219	8,196	81	236,250	25	45,450	9,719	1,499	2,308
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.																
Arcanum.....	15	200	2	3	...	28	2	36	332	2	7,000	1	2,200	250	...	150
Brandt.....	18	189	...	2	...	9	3	4	60	390	4	3,500	1	1,000	175	25
Catawba.....	46	466	...	8	3	22	4	70	352	4	9,600	1	1,500	826	659	701

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	Probationers...	Full Members...	Local Preachers...	Deaths...	Children Bapt'd.	Adults Bapt'd.	Schools...	Officers & Teachers...	Scholars of all ages...	Churches...	Probable Value..	Parsonages...	Probable Value..	Paid for Build. & Improv. Chur's and Parsonages	Paid on old Indebtedness on Ch. ch property	Present Indebtedness on Ch. ch property
Cedarville.....	25	434	1	6	13	11	2	35	250	2	\$1,200	1	\$2,100	\$150	\$16	.....
Christiansburg.....	6	218	2	5	1	...	4	60	230	4	7,000	1	850	85	.....	.....
Covington.....	7	154	1	5	1	6	2	28	125	2	5,000	1	2,000	.....	.....	\$80
Dialton.....	36	346	2	2	46	4	77	470	4	9,300	1	1,500	120	.....	.....	.....
Greenville.....	15	272	1	7	2	2	1	30	225	...	.....	1	3,000	.....	.....	.....
King's Creek.....	15	250	1	4	8	15	3	30	200	4	3,000	1	1,000	100	.....	50
Mechanicsburg.....	40	399	...	3	...	...	1	17	175	1	30,000	1	2,000	300	.....	.....
Mutual.....	8	216	...	4	5	23	3	36	250	3	4,000	1	1,000	.....	.....	.....
New Carlisle.....	3	312	1	7	...	2	2	35	443	2	6,000	1	1,000	.....	208	17
New Moorefield.....	12	320	...	2	6	8	4	46	315	4	13,000	1	1,250	200	.....	.....
Piqua: Grace.....	25	325	...	10	8	17	1	30	300	1	6,000	1	2,000	.....	50	200
Greene Street.....	11	662	4	...	6	9	1	39	325	1	26,500	1	6,000	177	.....	1,700
South Charleston.....	29	317	...	6	4	5	1	22	150	2	14,000	1	3,000	200	.....	.....
South Charleston Circuit.....	71	350	...	2	5	28	5	75	298	5	6,000	...	.....	.....	.....	200
Springfield: Central.....	51	840	...	2	18	29	1	65	500	1	20,000	1	1,000	100	1,500	.....
Clifton Avenue.....	24	233	...	2	19	12	1	34	325	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grace.....	11	130	...	2	1	5	1	11	167	1	3,500	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
High Street.....	10	350	1	7	7	2	1	29	225	1	30,000	1	10,000	100	.....	1,500
St. Paul.....	21	683	1	6	6	14	1	38	400	1	50,000	1	5,000	200	3,000	1,000
Tippecanoe and Milton.....	7	252	2	4	2	3	2	38	290	2	13,000	1	1,500	1,700	.....	.....
Tremont City.....	44	416	...	14	...	16	4	60	490	4	21,500	1	1,200	377	.....	56
Troy.....	10	602	3	5	7	15	1	40	342	1	12,000	1	5,000	10	175	220
Troy Circuit.....	11	186	...	1	6	24	3	30	160	3	7,000	1	2,000	10	.....	.....
Urbana: First Church.....	14	570	1	7	...	38	1	26	303	1	20,000	1	4,000	350	.....	.....
Grace.....	25	500	3	8	10	45	1	35	470	1	25,000	1	4,000	600	.....	.....
Yellow Springs.....	24	400	2	1	23	43	3	47	365	3	4,500	1	1,200	50	.....	.....
Total.....	634	10,592	28	139	70	496	64	1182	8,847	61	360,600	26	57,300	6,080	5,633	5,854

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPT.		S. SCHOOLS.				CHURCH PROPERTY.					
	Probationers...	Full Members...	Local Preachers...	Deaths...	Children Bapt'd.	Adults Bapt'd.	Schools...	Officers & Teachers...	Scholars of all ages...	Churches...	Probable Value..	Parsonages...	Probable Value..	Paid for Build. & Improv. Chur's and Parsonages	Paid on old Indebtedness on Ch. ch property	Present Indebtedness on Ch. ch property
Cincinnati.....	681	7680	24	126	363	321	61	1095	8861	60	\$680300	17	\$97800	\$12002	\$6842	\$38050
Dayton.....	350	9891	24	118	175	256	64	1070	8641	65	458700	26	60100	6371	7534	11447
Georgetown.....	381	9772	31	124	100	397	89	1251	8994	93	198250	24	37100	4963	1415	5835
Hillsboro.....	811	10673	29	126	175	740	79	1219	8196	81	236250	25	45450	9719	1499	2308
Springfield.....	634	10592	28	139	70	496	61	1182	8847	64	360600	26	57300	6080	5633	5854
Totals.....	2883	48608	136	633	883	2210	357	5820	43739	363	1914100	118	298050	39135	22923	63494
Totals 1894.....	3678	48334	142	626	1076	2430	359	5776	40925	385	2067427	117	314175	117156	21264	93847
Increase.....	254	...	7	...	...	...	...	44	2814	...	...	1	...	...	1659	...
Decrease.....	795	...	6	...	193	220	2	...	...	22	153327	...	16125	78021	...	30353

STATISTICS No. II, BY DISTRICTS.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY,

J. H. McNARY, Monroe, Ohio.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.												
	No. of Schools. . .	No. of Officers. . .	No. of Teachers. .	Total Officers and Teachers.	No. OF SCHOLARS.			Average Attendance.	No. of Library-books.	No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers. .	No. of Scholars who are Church Members or Probationers. .	No. of Conversions in Sunday-school this Year	Current Expenses: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
					Primary Grade. . . .	All Others.	Total Scholars. . .						
Cincinnati,	60	332	743	1,075	3,118	5,991	9,109	6,327	10,900	1,113	2,816	509	\$4,968
Dayton,	59	424	654	1,078	2,534	6,177	8,711	5,679	3,144	996	3,311	398	3,674
Georgetown,	89	555	668	1,223	2,225	5,824	8,049	4,846	2,629	1,128	3,804	430	2,206
Hillsboro,	77	447	678	1,225	2,287	5,869	8,156	5,824	1,751	1,106	4,552	1,218	2,338
Springfield,	66	487	695	1,182	2,165	6,772	8,937	5,946	6,518	1,134	4,105	695	3,945
Totals,	351	2,245	3,438	5,783	12,329	30,633	42,962	28,622	24,942	5,577	18,588	3,250	\$17,132
Totals for 1894,	359	2249	3,537	5,776	10,478	29,927	40,925	27,871	23,054	5,629	16,383	3,513	16,131
Increase, . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	7	1,851	706	2,037	751	1,888	.....	2,205	.....	\$1,001
Decrease,	8	4	99	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52	.....	263	.....

GENERAL STATISTICS, NO. III.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						Deficiencies.	SUPPORT OF PRES'G ELDERS.		SUPPORT OF BISHOPS.		Conference Claimants.	CURRENT EXPENSES.			
		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.				Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.		Church: Session, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S.: Lesson Leaves, etc.		
		Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.										
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.																	
Avondale,	E. O. Buxton,	\$2000	\$360	\$2360	\$2000	\$360	\$2360	.....	\$151	\$151	\$49	\$49	192	\$1430	\$100	
Bond Hill and Pleasant Ridge,	Chas. E. Schenk, . . .	900	.....	900	943	.....	943	Ex. 43	45	45	74	14	43	160	70
Carthage and Elmwood Place,	F. M. Kirgan,	750	.....	750	777	.....	777	Ex. 27	45	45	15	10	22	260	80
Cheviot,	M. M. Kugler,	1200	200	1400	1200	200	1400	.....	45	45	14	14	180	125	35	
Cincinnati: Asbury,	John Pearson,	1200	336	1536	1200	336	1536	.....	60	60	14	14	30	533	77	
Camp Washington,	C. L. Maxey,	720	.....	720	720	.....	720	.....	21	21	8	8	13	183	71
Christie,	C. L. Conger,	1300	600	1900	1300	600	1900	.....	72	72	10	10	42	631	78	
Church Extension Society,	M. Swadener,	2000	.....	2000	2000	.....	2000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1450	200
Columbia,	S. G. Pollard,	1050	.....	1050	1050	.....	1050	.....	27	27	8	2	21	265	105
Cumminsville,	Creighton Wones, . . .	1300	.....	1300	1300	.....	1300	.....	27	27	5	5	30	366	120
Fairmount,	W. H. Sutherland, . . .	800	240	1040	800	240	1040	.....	31	31	8	8	20	185	120	
Finley,	G. Roughton,	800	.....	800	800	.....	800	.....	18	18	6	6	20	300	75
McKendree,	E. McHugh,	1200	.....	1200	1200	.....	1200	.....	36	36	10	10	16	278	125
Mt. Auburn,	S. O. Royal,	1200	375	1575	1200	375	1575	.....	81	81	26	26	85	900	32	
Mt. Lookout,	J. H. Lease,	1000	250	1250	1000	250	1250	.....	54	54	14	14	50	450	100	
North Fairmount,	R. G. Easley, . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pearl Street,	W. A. Deaton,	600	200	800	600	200	800	.....	25	10	8	...	13	120	10	
Pendleton,	Henry Hershey,	600	.....	600	600	.....	600	.....	30	30	9	5	20	203	80
Price Hill,	A. C. Turrell,	1000	.....	1000	1000	.....	1000	.....	25	.....	6	6	10	600	160
St. John,	Eugene S. Gaddis, . . .	600	.....	600	600	.....	600	.....	26	26	...	3	15	284	66
St. Paul,	J. M. Meeker,	2500	1000	3500	2500	1000	3500	.....	202	202	65	65	150	2951	200	
Trinity,	C. W. Gullette,	1800	450	2250	1800	450	2250	.....	135	135	43	43	100	1800	300	
Walnut Hills,	S. McChesney,	2500	1000	3500	2500	1000	3500	80	80	250	842	160		
Wesley,	J. W. Magruder,	1200	500	1700	1200	500	1700	81	81	26	26	120	966	358		

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		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies.	Amount Paid. . . .	Am't Ap-portioned.	Church: Sex-ton, Light, Fuel, etc. .		S. S.: Lesson Leaves, etc.		
		Salary..	House Rent .	Total. .	Salary..	House Rent .	Total. .								
York Street,	A. B. Austin,	\$1000	.....	\$1000	\$1000	.....	\$1000	.....	\$57	\$57	\$19	\$19	\$42	\$350	\$175
Cleves and Addyston,	D. J. Starr & J. Verity,	720 57	.....	777	777	.....	777	.....	28	21	1	1	3	250	75
Clifton,	H. D. Ketcham,	1200	\$420	1620	1200	\$420	1620	... ..	40	40	12	12	40	900	30
Delhi,	G. P. Austin,	900	.....	900	900	.....	900	.....	40	40	..	8	50	184	50
Groesbeck,	W. L. Y. Davis,	575	.....	575	575	.....	575	.....	27	27	..	..	1	65	30
Hartwell,	Howard Henderson,	1300	300	1600	1300	300	1600	.....	100	100	30	20	65	450	190
Harrison,	G. L. Tufts,	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	45	45	14	2	5	190	82
Lockland-Wyoming,	C. W. Barnes,	1500	350	1850	1500	350	1850	.....	125	125	25	25	168	500	137
Loveland,	Jas. Stephenson,	550	150	700	460	150	610	\$90	36	36	..	..	5	150	50
Madisonville,	D. L. Aultman,	1400	300	1700	1400	300	1700	.....	112	112	36	36	155	731	189
Miami,	(S. B. Timmons),	725	.....	725	653	.....	653	72	25	25	..	2	1	100	48
Newtown,	A. D. Maddox,	800	150	950	800	150	950	.....	45	45	10	10	23	294	80
Norwood-Ivanhoe,	M. E. Ketcham,	1400	.....	1400	1400	.....	1400	.....	46	46	..	14	37	320	190
Riverside,	W. J. Dunham (10 wks)	95	.....	95	95	.....	95	.....	13	6	..	..	.....	.....	.....
Venice (Ross),	W. M. West,	500	60	560	500	60	560	.....	36	36	8	..	10	150	75
Winton Place,	Sylvester Weeks,	1000	500	1500	1000	500	1500	.....	54	54	17	15	57	511	290
Totals,		42542	2841	50383	42450	7841	50291	72	1966	2012	610	582	2104	20427	3393
DAYTON DISTRICT.															
Bethany,	H. W. Bailey,	800	100	900	800	100	900	.....	60	60	8	6	14	200	40
Camden and Summerville,	J. T. Bail,	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	60	55	6	4	15	170	76
Centerville,	J. W. Gaddis,	800	110	910	800	110	910	.....	62	62	8	8	30	225	100
Concord (Vandalia),	G. H. Smith,	500	36	536	500	36	536	.....	39	39	5	5	16	150	128
Dayton: Broadway,	F. M. Clemans,	1099	150	1249	1099	150	1249	.....	83	83	16	16	30	375	250
Grace,	W. A. Robinson,	2400	600	3000	2400	600	3000	.....	217	217	32	32	200	1010	200

Homestead Ave. & Riverdale,	(M. H. Stepiens), . .	500	.....	500	488	.....	488	12	16	16	5	3	.....	300	35
Raper,	L. E. Prentiss, . . .	1600	300	1900	1600	300	1900	.....	137	137	16	16	104	1400	243
St. Paul,	Edmund Burdsall, . .	1300	240	1540	1300	240	1540	.....	127	127	15	15	100	687	228
Trinity,	J. P. Ninde,	680	120	800	680	120	800	.....	58	58	...	...	10	201	282
Eaton,	J. L. Shively,	1050	150	1200	1050	150	1200	.....	87	87	10	10	84	427	95
Fair Haven,	W. M. Coffman, . . .	600	50	650	600	50	650	.....	39	39	5	5	30	125	30
Fort Jefferson,	(C. L. Chapman), . .	350	66	416	339	66	405	11	24	24	3	1	5	75	70
Franklin,	C. H. Haines,	900	120	1020	900	120	1020	.....	74	74	...	...	6	250	100
Germantown,	O. D. Becker,	600	.....	600	600	.....	600	.....	51	34	...	2	10	85	61
Glendale and Sharonville, . .	C. W. Horn,	650	.....	650	650	.....	650	.....	38	38	5	3	8	140	50
Gordon,	J. McK. Shultz, . . .	500	60	560	500	60	560	.....	42	42	5	5	17	150	140
Hamilton,	J. W. Peters,	1500	300	1800	1500	300	1800	.....	130	130	15	15	40	700	250
Lewisburg,	G. L. Travis,	500	75	575	457	75	532	43	42	40	5	5	23	150	95
Miamisburg,	J. S. Pumphrey, . . .	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	.....	87	87	10	10	62	624	173
Middletown,	W. Runyan,	1100	150	1250	1100	150	1250	.....	100	100	8	8	30	225	90
Monroe,	J. A. White,	800	125	925	800	125	925	.....	67	67	8	8	35	150	50
New Paris,	(M. F. Hawley), . . .	500	60	560	488	60	548	12	32	32	8	5	5	130	55
Osborn,	D. A. McColm,	600	120	720	578	120	698	22	52	.....	6	4	10	215	150
Oxford,	E. H. Cherington, . .	1100	200	1300	1100	200	1300	.....	94	94	20	20	70	250	125
Port Union (Stockton),	J. F. McColm,	600	125	725	555	125	680	45	60	60	7	5	9	150	75
Red Lion,	J. W. Patton,	500	50	550	500	50	550	.....	.....	.....	5	5	53	204	7
Seven Mile,	Adrew Hamilton, . . .	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	65	65	8	8	20	150	70
Springboro,	C. F. Enyart,	400	60	460	405	60	465	Ex. 5	39	39	5	5	8	94	36
Walker and Union (Reiley), . .	C. H. Kalbfus,	500	.....	500	455	.....	455	45	36	36	5	4	15	80	130
West Alexandria,	E. L. Hollingsworth, .	500	.....	500	210	.....	210	290	36	25	5	...	1	83	65
West Carrollton,	G. W. Vorhis,	600	96	696	600	96	696	.....	28	28	6	6	48	135	110
West Chester,	Thos. Cundy,	500	100	600	500	100	600	.....	43	43	5	5	4	125	65
West Elkton,	(James A. Jenkinson),	350	.....	350	.....	.....	350	.....	25	25	...	...	5	100	15
Totals, . . . . .	. . . . .	26679	4063	30742	26304	3963	30267	475	2050	1963	275	224	1057	9535	3659
GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.															
Aberdeen,	T. P. Walter,	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	66	66	6	5	25	160	73
Amelia,	W. P. Jackson,	700	100	800	663	100	763	37	66	66	10	10	20	200	60
Batavia,	G. V. Morris,	800	120	920	800	120	920	66	66	10	10	40	300	75
Bethel,	I. R. Marshall,	500	60	560	500	60	560	50	50	6	5	5	150	50

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		Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.								
Blue Creek,	(W. E. Shriver),
Butlerville,	H. C. Hutchinson, . .	\$420	\$420	\$342	\$342	\$78	\$50	\$32	\$5	..	\$2	\$125	\$100
Centenary,	J. D. Darling,	500	\$60	560	475	\$60	535	25	44	41	6	\$6	20	160	115
Chilo,	W. S. Gray,	500	.....	500	460	.....	460	40	45	45	2	2	10	118	52
Decatur,	A. G. Newton,	550	36	586	518	36	554	32	66	47	5	5	5	100	80
Feesburg,	T. G. Williams,	575	75	650	500	75	575	75	49	49	8	5	8	95	48
Felicity,	S. W. Campbell,	625	100	725	624	100	724	1	60	55	9	4	2	200	40
Georgetown,	M. B. Fuller,	800	120	920	800	120	920	.....	66	66	8	8	68	168	90
Goshen,	C. T. Crum,	550	75	625	511	75	586	39	65	52	10	5	25	125	30
Peebles,	D. W. C. Washburn, . .	600	75	675	524	75	599	76	50	42	8	2	10	120	100
Laurel,	I. E. Price,	600	40	640	550	40	590	50	56	56	6	4	10	106	87
Lebanon,	J. P. Porter,	1000	150	1150	1000	150	1150	.....	80	80	12	12	36	350	70
Lebanon Circuit,	W. K. Brown, . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maineville,	G. T. Perry,	600	75	675	600	75	675	.....	47	47	10	10	6	135	48
Manchester,	T. D. Moore,	650	100	750	630	100	730	20	62	62	2	2	18	160	90
Marathon,	H. E. Armacost,	500	.....	500	500	.....	500	.....	48	48	..	2	10	100	60
Mason,	J. W. Shorten, . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	72	72	..	..	.....	.....	.....
Milford,	R. E. Smith,	1100	180	1280	1100	180	1280	.....	80	80	12	12	65	300	150
Montgomery,	W. E. Spurrier,	550	.....	550	550	.....	550	.....	50	50	6	6	5	130	60
Moscow,	C. W. Briggs,	687	.....	687	590	.....	590	97	60	50	10	4	10	205	77
Mt. Washington	C. W. Elliott,	680	120	800	680	120	800	.....	54	54	10	10	38	197	93
New Richmond,	J. S. Whitney,	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	50	50	10	4	9	185	128
Owensville and Newtonville,	W. T. Stafford,	550	75	625	520	75	595	30	66	66	6	2	5	175	100
Ripley,	J. E. Abrams,	800	150	950	800	150	950	.....	70	70	10	10	54	225	50
Summerside,	W. J. Baker,	550	100	650	550	100	650	.....	52	52	5	5	22	150	65
West Union,	J. F. Laird,	600	60	660	568	60	628	32	60	60	8	..	10	.....	45
Williamsburg,	G. M. Fulton,	600	125	725	650	125	775	Ex. 50	50	50	..	6	25	125	75
Williamsburg Circuit,	J. W. Hickman,	600	.....	600	431	.....	431	169	50	50	6	3	2	175	95
Totals,		18487	2196	26683	17236	2196	19432	751	1750	1674	209	159	571	4742	2206

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.																	
Belfast (Bell),	J. E. H. Sentman, . .	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	60	60	8	8	13	250	40		
Blanchester,	J. H. McNary, . . .	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	50	50	9	9	10	250	175		
Bowersville,	J. A. Winkler, . . .	650	75	725	581	75	656	69	50	45	7	6	10	140	46		
Clarksville,	D. D. Cheney, . . .	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	55	55	7	7	20	.....	144		
Greenfield,	M. LeSourd,	1400	120	1520	1400	120	1520	.....	120	120	15	15	100	400	275		
Hillsboro,	G. H. Dart,	1300	200	1500	1300	200	1500	.....	175	175	15	15	100	400	150		
Hillsboro Circuit,	J. H. Davis,	700	.....	700	685	.....	685	15	50	49	7	7	10	140	75		
Jamestown,	D. C. Vance,	900	120	1020	900	120	1020	.....	70	70	11	11	56	270	75		
Leesburg,	O. M. Sellers, . . .	750	150	900	750	150	900	.....	65	65	8	8	36	200	60		
Lynchburg,	John Wilson,	600	150	750	600	150	750	.....	60	60	7	7	20	300	100		
Martinsville,	G. B. Shanor,	450	50	500	419	50	469	31	45	41	5	5	8	125	36		
Memphis,	H. C. Middleton, . .	120	.....	120	120	.....	120	.....	10	10	...	...	13	50	15		
Morrow,	W. G. Warner, . . .	700	125	825	700	125	825	.....	60	60	7	7	25	100	55		
Mt. Orab,	C. J. Wells,	650	75	725	650	75	725	.....	60	60	...	...	10	200	105		
New Burlington,	P. Trout,	770	150	920	770	150	920	.....	60	60	9	9	61	260	108		
New Jasper,	R. S. McColm, . . .	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	65	65	10	8	10	150	52		
New Vienna and Lexington,	J. A. Easton,	700	100	800	750	100	850	Ex. 50	60	60	9	9	20	150	76		
Rainsboro,	(John Trout),	500	75	575	487	75	562	13	52	52	8	4	25	160	100		
Sabina,	J. R. Colley,	800	150	950	800	150	950	.....	50	50	8	6	30	162	53		
Sinking Spring,	B. F. Oswald,	500	50	550	473	50	523	27	40	40	6	6	10	110	35		
South Lebanon,	J. S. Ruggles, . . .	650	.....	650	545	.....	545	105	37	27	6	3	4	76	17		
Sugar Tree Ridge,	(J. M. Roberts,) . . .	475	25	500	475	25	500	.....	40	40	5	5	2	150	.....	
Union (P. O. Spring Valley),	Frank Leever,	800	100	900	800	100	900	.....	65	65	10	10	31	288	81		
Waynesville,	A. T. Cowgill,	800	150	950	800	150	950	.....	70	70	12	8	25	200	80		
Wilmington,	E. T. Lane,	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	.....	95	95	10	10	60	250	65		
Winchester,	U. G. Humphrey, . .	700	100	800	723	100	823	Ex. 23	60	60	10	10	60	187	120		
Xenia: First Church,	J. J. McCabe,	1500	300	1800	1500	300	1800	.....	128	128	17	17	120	300	135		
Trinity,	C. M. Van Pelt, . . .	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500	.....	95	95	10	10	60	375	65		
Totals,		2125	3165	24380	21028	3165	24193	17	1847	1827	236	230	945	5644	2338		
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.																	
Arcanum,	J. L. Dalbey,	700	100	800	678	100	778	22	65	65	7	7	10	170	132		
Brandt,	W. R. Buckles, . . .	405	50	455	407	46	453	2	35	35	5	5	8	100	100		
Catawba,	C. D. Munsey,	700	110	810	700	110	810	65	65	5	5	40	277	100		

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		Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.								
Cedarville,	F. E. Vance,	\$700	\$150	\$850	\$700	\$150	\$850	\$40	\$40	\$6	\$6	\$25	\$190	\$105
Christiansburg,	I. C. Page,	500	60	560	400	60	460	\$100	35	35	10	8	10	125	45
Covington,	W. C. Mitchell,	500	120	620	500	120	620	.....	25	25	7	2	10	100	40
Dialton,	W. A. Wiant,	650	100	750	658	100	758	Ex. 8	45	45	10	10	52	187	152
Greenville,	A. N. Spahr,	1050	150	1200	1050	150	1200	.....	90	90	22	15	85	202	350
King's Creek,	D. S. Ewry,	425	100	525	400	100	500	25	35	29	6	4	5	155	75
Mechanicsburg,	James Murray,	1100	100	1200	1100	100	1200	.....	125	125	15	10	23	400	137
Mutual,	J. R. Hunter,	550	100	650	550	100	650	.....	35	35	10	8	6	160	80
New Carlisle,	J. P. Shultz,	700	100	800	600	100	700	100	66	55	...	9	32	200	88
New Moorefield,	W. M. Patton,	700	100	800	641	100	741	59	60	60	10	3	16	215	105
Piqua: Grace,	W. H. Wehrley,	900	150	1050	900	150	1050	.....	50	50	12	...	22	200	100
Greene Street,	F. G. Mitchell,	1600	400	2000	1600	400	2000	.....	140	140	20	20	105	591	195
South Charleston,	B. D. Hypes,	850	150	1000	851	150	1001	Ex. 1	75	75	10	10	12	175	100
South Charleston Circuit,	J. W. Lucas,	900	.....	900	700	.....	700	200	40	33	8	2	5	200	105
Springfield: Central,	C. W. Rishell,	1400	300	1700	1400	300	1700	.....	135	135	15	15	62	800	300
Clifton Ave.,	A. L. Brokaw,	700	144	844	700	144	844	.....	20	20	8	6	40	297	88
Grace,	David Herr,	600	120	720	600	120	720	.....	20	20	...	...	2	140	80
High Street,	A. H. Lucas,	1600	600	2200	1600	600	2200	.....	140	140	25	25	90	1250	175
St. Paul,	P. C. Curnick,	1600	400	2000	1600	400	2000	.....	135	135	25	20	75	1200	150
Tippecanoe and Milton,	J. R. Hill,	600	100	700	550	100	650	50	50	50	7	7	21	200	125
Tremont City,	R. K. Deem,	750	96	846	715	96	811	35	80	75	10	9	44	345	160
Troy,	V. F. Brown,	1500	300	1800	1500	300	1800	.....	115	115	20	20	170	530	255
Troy Circuit,	L. O Deputy,	640	100	740	589	100	689	51	40	35	...	2	15	120	60
Urbana: First Church,	G. W. Dubois,	1300	300	1600	1300	300	1600	.....	130	130	15	15	75	620	155
Grace,	J. G. Vaughan,	1200	300	1500	1209	300	1500	.....	115	115	15	15	100	700	275
Yellow Springs,	H. C. Middleton,	925	100	1025	925	100	1025	.....	55	55	...	8	20	170	114
Totals,		25745	4900	30645	25114	4896	30010	635	2061	2027	303	266	1180	10004	3946

RECAPITULATION.

NAME OF DISTRICTS.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						SUPPORT OF PRESIDING ELDERS.		SUPPORT OF BISHOPS.		Conference Claim- ants	CURRENT EXPENSES.		
	CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies,	Am't Ap- portioned,	Amount Paid. . .	Am't Ap- portioned,		Amount Paid . . .	Church: Sex- ton Light Fuel, etc. .	S. S.: Lesson Leaves, etc.
	Salary. .	House Rent. .	Total. .	Salary. .	House Rent. .	Total. .								
Cincinnati,	\$42,542	\$7,841	\$50,383	\$42,450	\$7,841	\$50,291	\$92	\$1,966	\$2,012	\$610	\$582	\$2,104	\$20,427	\$3,393
Dayton,	26,679	4,063	30,742	26,304	3,963	30,267	475	2,050	1,763	275	224	1,057	9,535	3,659
Georgetown,	18,487	2,196	20,683	17,736	2,196	19,932	751	1,678	1,602	209	159	571	4,742	2,206
Hillsboro,	21 215	3,165	24,380	21,028	3,165	24,193	187	1,847	1,827	236	230	949	5,644	2,338
Springfield,	25,745	4,900	30,645	25,114	4,896	30,010	635	2,061	2,027	303	266	1,188	10,004	3,946
Totals,	134,668	22,165	156,843	132,632	22,061	154,693	2,140	9,602	9,231	1,634	1,461	5,869	50,352	15,542
Totals, 1894,	134,897	23,213	158,110	133,875	23,213	157,088	1,012	10,343	10,125	2,038	1,774	6,074	52,722	16,131
Increase, . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,128	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Decrease,	229	1,048	1,267	1,243	1,152	2,394	.....	741	894	404	313	205	2,370	589

GENERAL STATISTICS NO. IV.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																	
	MISSIONS.			Board of Church Ex- tension..	Sunday-school Union. . . .	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid & South. Ed. Soc. . .	EDUCATION.		American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Miss. Society. . . .	Woman's Home Miss. Society. . . .	Episcopal Fund.	Conference Claimants. .	General Conf. Expenses . .	Other collec- tions	Deacons Home and Christ Hosp.	
	Church. .	Sunday- school .	Total . .					Child'n's Fund. .	Other Educational Objects.									
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.																		
Avondale,	\$308	\$47	\$355	\$65	\$7	\$6	\$295	\$25	\$11	\$10	\$250	\$300	\$49	\$192	\$32	\$1419	\$738	
Bond Hill and Pleasant Ridge, . .	92	9	101	15	3	.....	10	13	5	5	.....	14	14	43	8	25	5
Carthage and Elmwood Place, . .	44	31	75	3	1	1	3	2	2	1	.....	66	10	22	.....	5	.....
Cheviot,	821	24	845	159	54	52	283	9	111	107	70	.....	14	180	15	386	276
Cincinnati: Asbury,	75	83	158	7	2	3	6	.....	10	4	19	37	14	30	4	50	24
Camp Washington,	15	15	30	6	1	1	5	6	.....	1	58	.....	8	13	.....	77	.....
Christie,	53	23	76	6	2	2	8	3	2	5	56	234	10	42	6	181	26	
Cincinnati Church Ex. Society,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Columbia,	28	44	72	15	2	3	12	5	5	.....	70	.....	2	21	.....	42	38
Cumminsville,	35	25	60	4	1	1	4	2	2	1	56	51	5	30	.....	55	.....
Fairmount,	25	37	62	7	3	2	7	3	4	3	54	2	8	20	5	.....	.....
Finley,	20	20	40	6	2	2	6	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	6	20	3	.....	.....
McKendree,	75	75	150	15	2	2	15	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	16	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Auburn,	186	52	238	54	7	7	60	13	6	14	54	253	26	85	15	191	95	
Mt. Lookout,	136	34	170	40	5	5	40	5	.....	5	59	221	14	50	.....	103	25
North Fairmount, . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pearl Street, . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pendleton,	10	30	40	10	1	1	10	1	.....	1	.....	.....	5	20	.....	.....	.....
Price Hill,	30	20	50	3	1	1	3	1	.....	1	31	.....	6	10	5	45	5
St. John,	24	8	32	3	1	1	5	3	2	4	12	.....	3	15	.....	14	.....
St. Paul,	446	54	500	15	5	5	45	.....	5	5	227	255	65	150	.....	310	.....
Trinity,	137	63	200	25	13	8	24	10	.....	10	271	222	35	100	.....	40	305

Walnut Hills,	660	544	1,204	86	5	1	157	7	.....	.....	788	984	80	250	.....	544	192
Wesley,	421	155	576	50	15	15	30	8	20	16	159	.....	26	120	.....	745	50
York Street,	46	35	81	11	7	3	8	.....	4	6	45	86	19	42	4	25	28
Cleves and Addyston, . . . . .	.....	.....	10	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3	.....	.....	.....
Clifton,	66	9	75	15	22	3	15	7	13	20	168	16	12	40	7	1,980	64
Delhi,	75	31	106	10	2	2	15	9	2	1	26	18	8	50	8	18	88
Groesbeck,	15	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Hartwell,	100	48	148	10	3	2	5	12	.....	.....	68	137	20	65	.....	52	.....
Harrison,	30	5	35	5	1	1	10	1	.....	1	42	.....	2	5	2	15	.....
Lockland-Wyoming,*	1,247	67	1,314	72	1	2	210	11	.....	2	455	.....	25	168	15	342	357
Loveland,	8	17	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....
Madisonville,	127	150	277	37	14	9	27	18	.....	.....	176	.....	36	155	.....	57	151
Miami,	10	5	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1	5	.....	.....
Newton,	40	20	60	5	1	1	5	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	10	23	4	.....	.....
Norwood-Ivanhoe,	57	36	93	10	3	2	8	9	.....	3	39	128	14	37	17	137	38
Riverside, . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Venice,	20	.....	20	5	1	.....	5	4	.....	.....	3	3	.....	10	.....	.....	.....
Winton Place,	114	20	134	27	5	5	21	5	13	7	73	52	15	57	.....	30	.....
Totals,	5,398	2,036	7,434	802	194	150	1,358	202	221	234	3,329	3,079	587	2,091	155	6,562	2,505
DAYTON DISTRICT.																	
Bethany,	42	8	50	3	1	1	4	1	1	1	17	.....	6	14	4	7	100
Camden and Summierville,	22	13	35	2	1	1	2	8	.....	1	.....	13	4	15	2	.....	.....
Centerville,	94	53	147	12	1	1	12	4	4	1	38	11	8	30	3	16	.....
Concord,	61	9	70	5	2	2	5	8	.....	.....	14	.....	5	16	3	.....	.....
Dayton: Broadway,	158	68	226	28	2	2	12	8	5	2	9	183	16	30	10	.....	.....
Grace,	415	185	600	40	10	5	20	25	.....	15	248	433	32	200	.....	.....	.....
Homestead Ave. and Riverdale,	3	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....
Raper,	331	243	574	25	6	6	35	42	.....	10	236	253	16	104	.....	158	25
St. Paul,	200	125	325	48	6	6	40	20	7	6	272	107	15	100	5	303	.....
Trinity,	47	15	62	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....
Eaton,	152	48	200	30	4	3	30	5	6	9	131	78	10	84	10	.....	50
Fair Haven,	70	10	80	24	1	1	22	7	.....	1	.....	.....	5	30	4	.....	7
Fort Jefferson,	4	6	10	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	.....	.....
Franklin,	31	.....	31	5	1	.....	6	8	.....	5	4	.....	.....	6	.....	7	.....

* To Bishop Thoburn's Native Pastors' and Teachers' Fund, \$710.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																
	MISSIONS.			Board of Church Ex- tension . . .	Sunday- school Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid & South. Ed. Soc. . .	EDUCATION.		American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Miss. Society. . . .	Woman's Home Miss. Society	Episcopal Fund	Conference Claimants . .	General Conf. Expenses . .	Other collec- tions	Deaconess Home and Christ Hosp.
	Church .	Sunday- school .	Total . .					Child's Fund . .	Other Educational Objects.								
Germantown,	\$20	\$15	\$35	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$4	\$2	.....	\$1	\$30	.....	\$2	\$10	\$19	.....	\$10
Glendale and Sharonville,	10	5	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	8	2	.....	.....
Gordon,	43	47	90	10	2	1	4	10	\$1	.....	.....	.....	5	17	2	\$10	.....
Hamilton,	34	66	100	12	2	2	41	5	5	7	57	.....	15	40	.....	98	88
Lewisburg,	36	7	43	8	2	2	5	9	.....	1	42	.....	5	23	3	74	3
Miamisburg,	130	70	200	16	5	5	9	13	5	1	52	\$46	10	62	13	19	522
Middletown,	48	52	100	12	2	2	15	3	.....	2	12	100	8	30	.....	.....	.....
Monroe,	48	14	62	7	2	2	6	4	2	.....	7	.....	8	35	.....	.....	.....
New Paris,	1	1	2	1	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	5	.....	.....	.....
Osborn,	28	10	38	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	10	2	.....	.....
Oxford,	200	30	230	10	2	2	10	4	2	8	21	134	20	70	5	.....	10
Port Union (Stockton),	18	9	27	2	1	1	2	11	1	.....	.....	.....	5	9	3	.....	.....
Red Lion,	25	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	5	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	9	5	.....	.....
Seven Mile,	30	12	42	1	1	1	1	2	1	12	.....	.....	8	20	5	50	.....
Springboro,	42	10	52	2	1	2	3	2	2	1	23	.....	5	8	3	.....	11
Walker and Union,	16	4	20	2	1	1	2	5	5	1	.....	.....	4	15	3	.....	.....
West Alexandria,	4	5	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
West Carrollton,	25	45	70	20	3	2	19	14	5	2	16	.....	6	48	8	11	80
West Chester,	5	5	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	4	2	.....	.....
West Elkton,	7	3	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....
Totals,	2,400	1,193	3,593	332	61	53	317	240	49	88	1,236	1,359	241	1,076	116	655	906
GEORGETON DISTRICT.																	
Aberdeen,	31	22	53	10	1	1	10	10	.....	1	.....	.....	5	25	.....	5	.....
Amelia,	52	3	55	8	1	1	4	2	2	1	11	.....	10	20	3	.....	.....
Batavia,	34	31	65	10	2	3	8	3	.....	1	.....	.....	10	40	2	.....	10

Bethel,	25	15	40	3	2	2	3	2	.....	.....	5	5	5	5	5	.....	10
Blue Creek, . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Butler,	15	.....	15	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....
Centenary,	20	5	25	8	2	2	5	5	3	.....	.....	.....	6	20	7	.....	7
Chilo,	22	2	24	.....	.....	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	10	.....	.....	8
Decatur,	96	.....	96	6	1	1	2	8	.....	.....	11	.....	5	5	.....	.....	2
Feesburg,	20	4	24	4	1	1	3	5	2	1	.....	.....	5	8	2	.....	3
Felicity,	15	5	20	1	1	1	1	1	.....	1	.....	.....	4	2	1	.....	5
Georgetown,	147	18	165	20	3	4	15	16	5	4	.....	.....	8	68	12	.....	15
Goshen,	68	32	100	5	1	1	5	10	5	1	7	1	5	25	5	5	5
Peebles,	20	15	35	2	1	1	2	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	10	2	.....	1
Laurel,	50	.....	50	4	1	1	4	11	1	.....	.....	.....	4	10	5	.....	16
Lebanon,	109	32	141	14	6	4	13	5	5	.....	70	.....	12	36	.....	.....	35
Lebanon Circuit, . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mainville,	30	20	50	5	1	1	3	6	.....	1	.....	.....	3	6	2	23	.....
Manchester,	57	23	80	2	.....	.....	2	4	.....	.....	25	.....	2	18	1	.....	.....
Marathon,	35	5	40	5	.....	5	5	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	2	10	2	.....	24
Mason, . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Milford,	155	30	184	30	5	5	10	3	33	2	46	16	12	65	10	23	35
Montgomery,	13	17	30	3	1	1	3	6	1	1	.....	.....	6	5	5	.....	.....
Moscow,	28	10	38	4	1	1	4	7	3	1	.....	3	4	10	4	.....	15
Mt. Washington,	94	29	123	11	2	1	16	4	4	1	.....	82	10	38	3	5	1
New Richmond,	16	.....	16	2	.....	.....	1	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	9	.....	9	.....
Owensville and Newtonville,	30	3	33	5	1	1	5	10	2	1	.....	.....	2	5	3	.....	.....
Ripley,	108	25	131	4	1	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	14	1	10	53	.....	.....	30
Summerside,	66	18	84	7	.....	.....	7	3	.....	1	.....	.....	5	22	.....	22	.....
West Union,	38	.....	38	5	1	1	2	2	.....	.....	57	.....	.....	10	.....	41	.....
Williamsburg,	58	17	75	6	1	1	5	5	5	1	.....	.....	6	25	5	5	.....
Williamsburg Circuit,	8	2	10	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	2	.....	.....	1
Totals,	1,460	380	1,840	186	37	39	145	141	71	20	266	108	152	570	79	138	223
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.																	
Belfast,	77	3	80	5	1	1	5	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	13	10	.....	.....
Blanchester,	45	35	80	4	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	10	4	.....	.....
Bowersville,	94	7	106	4	2	2	3	11	.....	1	1	1	6	10	5	.....	24

BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MISSIONS.			Board of Church Extension	Sunday-school Union.	Tract Society.	Freemen's Aid & South. Ed. Soc. . .	EDUCATION.		American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Miss. Society. . . .	Woman's Home Miss. Society. . . .	Episcopal Fund.	Conference Claimants.	General Conf. Expenses.	Other Collections	Deaconess Home and Christ Hosp.
	Church.	Sunday-school.	Total. . .					Child's Fund.	Other Edu'nal Objects.								
Clarksville,	\$40	\$20	\$69	\$5	\$2	\$2	\$6	\$5	.....	\$1	\$11	.....	\$7	\$20	.....	.....	\$15
Greenfield,	200	140	340	30	10	10	25	10	\$5	22	143	\$116	15	100	\$17	.....	146
Hillsboro,	268	82	350	20	3	3	20	2	3	5	63	159	15	100	10	.....	10
Hillsboro Circuit,	80	35	115	8	.....	1	8	4	5	1	.....	.....	7	10	.....	\$40	.....
Jamestown,	106	100	206	15	3	4	10	13	3	9	43	149	11	56	7	8	.....
Leesburg,	109	22	131	15	3	3	23	22	3	3	25	25	8	36	5	26	232
Lynchburg,	52	18	70	6	1	1	7	3	.....	.....	19	.....	7	20	.....	.....	.....
Martinsville,	30	8	38	1	1	.....	2	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	8	.....	3	.....
Memphis,	16	.....	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	.....	.....	.....
Morrow,	85	15	100	5	1	1	15	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	25	.....	20	.....
Mt. Orab,	35	15	50	2	1	4	2	5	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	10	.....	.....	6
New Burlington,	190	10	200	30	5	10	20	10	5	5	13	.....	9	60	11	.....	9
New Jasper,	52	5	57	7	.....	.....	1	3	.....	1	.....	.....	8	10	3	.....	27
New Vienna and Lexington,	95	15	110	5	1	1	5	2	.....	1	100	.....	9	20	11	.....	21
Rainsboro,	111	16	127	18	2	2	4	10	4	3	.....	.....	4	25	.....	.....	.....
Sabina,	55	20	75	9	1	1	6	9	.....	.....	16	3	6	30	.....	.....	10
Sinking Spring,	35	15	50	10	2	.....	8	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	10	9	.....	.....
South Lebanon,	28	5	33	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	4	.....	.....	.....
Sugar Tree Ridge,	22	8	30	.....	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	2	4	.....	1
Union and Spring Valley,	145	35	180	17	2	2	14	20	4	6	58	.....	10	31	5	.....	14
Waynesville,	70	30	100	3	1	5	5	2	.....	1	46	97	8	25	.....	.....	20
Wilmington,	199	21	220	25	2	3	20	10	15	5	46	.....	10	60	.....	100	.....
Winchester,	105	15	120	27	5	5	27	9	10	2	.....	.....	10	60	10	.....	88
Xenia—First Church,	300	125	425	45	5	5	53	6	10	26	83	157	17	120	21	.....	62
Trinity,	115	60	175	18	2	1	8	5	.....	11	71	104	10	60	10	20	88
Totals,	2,759	884	3,643	336	57	65	302	182	67	103	738	823	220	948	142	217	775

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.																	
Arcanum,	121	49	170	3	1	1	4	3	2	2	20	.....	7	10	7	.....	.....
Brandt,	18	7	25	7	1	2	5	3	.....	1	3	.....	5	8	3	.....	10
Catawba,	125	25	150	11	1	2	11	12	2	2	.....	.....	5	40	3	.....	.....
Cedarville,	80	20	100	10	1	1	10	2	8	15	.....	.....	6	25	.....	125	.....
Christiansburg,	30	5	35	5	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	10	.....	.....	.....
Covington,	50	.....	50	11	2	2	10	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	10	2	.....	19
Dialton,	257	18	275	19	1	1	11	6	1	1	23	.....	10	52	4	37	43
Greenville,	90	20	110	6	2	2	7	5	.....	14	61	.....	15	85	.....	.....	.....
King's Creek,	45	.....	45	.....	1	1	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	5	4	.....	18
Mechanicsburg,	104	101	205	20	.....	.....	15	6	.....	.....	34	14	10	23	.....	.....	37
Mutual,	35	3	38	1	1	.....	1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	6	.....	.....	.....
New Carlisle,	30	25	55	5	2	2	5	2	2	2	10	.....	9	32	2	.....	60
New Moorefield,	51	25	76	10	1	1	10	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	16	.....	.....	.....
Piqua: Grace,	30	50	80	.....	1	1	13	9	.....	11	44	79	.....	22	.....	.....	19
Greene Street,*	465	200	665	46	5	3	73	15	.....	50	140	221	20	105	.....	325	63
South Charleston,	179	31	210	5	2	2	5	3	1	1	25	35	10	12	12	.....	200
South Charleston Circuit,	35	.....	35	1	1	.....	5	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	5	1	.....	.....
Springfield—Central,	205	117	322	10	2	2	9	5	2	.....	71	114	15	62	.....	.....	5
Clifton Avenue,	83	102	185	15	3	2	8	2	51	2	.....	.....	6	40	3	.....	.....
Grace,	14	2	16	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
High Street,	280	170	450	45	3	2	35	10	.....	2	169	345	25	90	.....	400	.....
St. Paul,	308	92	400	25	1	1	20	10	.....	1	104	383	20	75	10	236	5
Tippecanoe and Milton,	40	10	50	18	3	2	5	8	5	1	.....	.....	7	21	3	.....	17
Tremont City,	100	15	115	30	4	4	20	9	3	3	20	.....	9	44	.....	.....	40
Troy,	585	181	766	75	10	10	100	330	25	53	112	166	20	170	25	137	5
Troy Circuit,	55	15	70	6	1	1	14	14	14	.....	.....	.....	2	15	.....	5	.....
Urbana—First Church,	323	68	391	25	5	5	25	10	5	6	172	232	15	75	.....	.....	.....
Grace,	310	100	410	25	5	5	40	50	.....	5	80	229	15	100	.....	250	40
Yellow Springs,	63	40	103	10	3	2	10	4	3	3	37	41	8	20	.....	.....	.....
Totals,	4,111	1,491	5,602	445	63	57	471	552	124	175	1,122	1,859	266	1,180	79	1,515	581

* To King's Daughters' Auxiliary to Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, \$25.

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																
	MISSIONS.			Board of Church Ex- tension . . .	Sunday- school Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid & South- ern Ed. Soc.	EDUCATION.		American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Mis- sionary Soc.	Woman's Home Miss. Society. . . .	Episcopal Fund.	Conference Claimants. .	General Conf. Expenses. .	Other collec- tions.	Deaconess Home and Christ Hos- pital.
	Church. .	Sunday- School. .	Total. .					Childr'n's Fund. .	Other Educ al Objc'ts.								
Cincinnati,	\$5,398	\$2,036	\$7,434	\$802	\$194	\$150	\$1,358	\$202	\$221	\$234	\$3,329	\$3,079	\$587	\$2,091	\$155	\$6,562	\$2,505
Dayton,	2,400	1,193	3,593	332	61	53	317	240	49	88	1,236	1,359	241	1,076	116	655	906
Georgetown,	1,460	380	1,840	186	37	39	145	141	71	20	266	108	152	570	79	138	223
Hillsboro,	2,759	884	3,643	336	57	65	302	182	67	103	738	823	220	948	142	217	775
Springfield,	4,111	1,491	5,602	445	63	57	471	552	124	175	1,122	1,859	266	1,180	79	1,515	581
Totals,	16,128	5,984	22,112	2,101	412	364	2,593	1,317	532	620	6,691	7,228	1,466	5,865	571	9,087	4,990
Totals for 1894, . .	15,726	6,797	22,523	2,765	445	411	5,283	1,328	1,515	670	9,369	8,980	1,764	6,071	.....	6,182	4,202
Increase,	402	.....	.....	.....	.....	47	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,905	788
Decrease,	813	411	664	33	2,690	11	783	50	2,678	1,752	298	206

CIRCUIT REPORTS OF PASTORS' SALARIES.

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N. B.—The name in SMALL CAPS is the name of the charge, and the sums opposite indicate the amount estimated and paid by each appointment.

APPOINTMENTS.	Estimate	Paid.....	APPOINTMENTS.	Estimate	Paid.....
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.			DAYTON—Continued.		
BOND HILL,	\$500	\$515	GORDON,	\$300	\$311
Pleasant Ridge,	400	428	Baltimore,	150	150
CARTHAGE,	407	407	Sonora,	55	44
Elmwood Place,	430	427	Ithaca,	35	.....
CLEVES,	647	647	LEWISBURG,	333	333
Addyston,	210	130	Lewisburg,	131	131
GROSBECK,	338	338	Pymont,	82	82
Asbury,	263	263	MONROE,	725	725
LOVELAND,	475	450	Amanda,	75	75
Branch Hill,	120	138	NEW PARIS,	225	225
Concord,	50	35	New Hope,	75	75
MIAMI,	231	231	Gettysburg,	100	97
Ebenezer,	156	156	New Madison,	100	100
Dent,	231	170	OSBORN,	280	280
New Hope,	131	111	Medway,	148	126
NEWTOWN,	185	185	Enon,	150	150
Camp Dennison,	185	185	Fairfield,	200	200
Armstrong Chapel, . . .	225	225	PORT UNION,	325	325
Miamiville,	100	100	Valley Chapel,	150	140
Madeira,	165	165	Princeton,	125	100
VENICE,	100	100	SEVEN MILE,	500	500
New Haven,	140	140	Darttown,	200	200
Okeana,	160	160	WALKER,	270	270
St. Charles,	140	140	Union,	270	245
DAYTON DISTRICT.			WEST CHESTER,	308	308
BETHANY,	\$700	\$700	Tylersville,	253	253
Auburn,	100	100	WEST ELKTON,	120	180
CAMDEN,	312	.....	Winchester,	60	62
Somerville,	312	.....	Greenbush,	35	13
Macedonia,	75	75	Pleasant Hill,	50	40
CENTERVILLE,	600	600	Simonson's Chapel, . .	70	77
Bellebrook,	180	180	GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.		
Lytle,	106	106	ABERDEEN,	\$210	\$210
CONCORD,	175	175	Bradyville,	135	135
Ebenezer,	180	180	Fitch Chapel,	120	120
Union,	100	100	Ebenezer,	135	135
Bethany,	85	85	AMELIA,	333	333
FAIR HAVEN,	420	420	Union,	115	115
Sugar Valley,	225	225	Withamsville,	52	35
GLENDAL,	369	369	Locust Corner,	200	185
Sharonville,	319	319	BETHEL,	220	220
			Old Bethel,	127	127

APPOINTMENTS,	Estimate	Paid.....	APPOINTMENTS,	Estimate	Paid.....
GEORGETOWN—Continued.			GEORGETOWN—Continued.		
Lakin,	\$93	\$93	Taylor's Chapel,	\$87	\$87
Clermont Chapel,	65	65	Fayetteville,	75	75
Mt. Olive,	45	45	Greenberry,	87	87
BLUE CREEK,			MASON, . . . . .	.....	.....
Moore's Chapel,			Union, . . . . .	.....	.....
Walmsley,			Socialville, . . . . .	.....	.....
Rocky Fork, . . . . .	.....	.....	MONTGOMERY,	189	189
High Hill,			Brecon,	236	236
White Oak,			Rossmoyne,	181	181
BUTLERVILLE,	130	130	Moscow,	250	210
Wesley,	150	91	Calvary,	215	185
Edenton,	125	61	Pt. Pleasant,	132	112
McKendree,	65	60	Neville,	110	110
CENTENARY,	145	145	MT. WASHINGTON,	519	519
Pleasant Hill,	145	145	Red Bank,	346	346
Perintown,	89	89	OWENSVILLE,	330	295
Mt. Zion,	107	82	Newtonville,	168	168
Mt. Olive,	71	71	Maple Grove,	82	82
CHILO,	185	185	Belfast,	131	131
Cedron,	125	125	SUMMERSIDE,	200	200
McKendree,	110	100	Olive Branch,	150	150
Smith's Landing,	80	50	Asbury,	150	153
DECATUR,	200	182	Salem,	50	50
Cherry Fork,	115	115	WEST UNION,	375	328
Eckmanville,	90	90	Liberty,	150	164
Russelville,	140	129	Stone,	75	75
FEESBURG,	72	32	WILLIAMSBURG CIRCUIT, . . . . .	.....	.....
Eden,	314	314	Salem,	120	120
Mt. Zion,	108	73	Clover,	135	135
Pisgah,	130	130	Branch Hill,	90	71
FELICITY,	500	500	Afton,	135	77
Point Isabel,	125	125	Concord,	120	29
GEORGETOWN,	550	550			
Freesoil,	125	125	HILLSBORO DISTRICT.		
Hilman's,	125	125	BELFAST,	\$170	\$170
GOSHEN,	370	370	Louisville,	170	170
Pleasant Plain,	100	78	Prospect,	110	110
Charleston,	80	63	London,	170	170
PEEBLES,	240	240	Flat Run,	110	110
Dunkinsville,	150	125	Folsom,	80	54
Jacksonville,	140	85	BLANCHESTER,	420	420
Locust Grove,	70	70	Westboro,	180	180
LAUREL,	200	200	Midland,	100	100
Nicholsville,	133	133	Bowersville,	240	243
Franklin,	133	83	Centre,	330	227
Mt. Pisgah,	133	133	Hawes,	135	135
LEBANON CIRCUIT, . . . . .	.....	.....	Zion, . . . . .	.....	42
Roach Chester, . . . . .	.....	.....	CLARKSVILLE,	277	277
Fort Ancient, . . . . .	.....	.....	Union,	73	73
Shiloh, . . . . .	.....	.....	Olive Branch,	196	196
Merrittstown, . . . . .	.....	.....	Kansas,	107	107
MAINVILLE,	493	488	HILLSBORO CIRCUIT, . . . . .	.....	.....
Zoar,	164	162	Auburn,	150	150
MARATHON,	187	192	Samantha,	150	150
Burdsall,	112	112	Dume's,	200	200

APPOINTMENTS.	Estimate	Paid.....	APPOINTMENTS.	Estimate	Paid.....
HILLSBORO—Continued.			SPRINGFIELD—Continued.		
Pike,	\$87	\$72	Pisgah,	\$120	\$120
Clear Creek,	75	75	Palmer,	115	115
Brouse's,	95	95	CATAWBA,	350	350
LEESBURG,	415	415	Pleasant Chapel,	130	130
Olive Chapel,	205	205	Natios Chapel,	205	205
East Monroe,	210	200	Fletcher,	95	95
MARTINSVILLE,	125	125	CEDARVILLE,	630	630
West Chapel,	135	106	Clifton,	110	110
Morrisville,	160	160	CHRISTIANSBURG,	180	170
Mt. Pleasant,	75	75	McKendree,	223	163
MT. ORAB,	210	210	Wesley,	88	58
Sardinia,	205	205	Beech Grove,	90	90
New Hope,	100	100	COVINGTON,	438	438
Shiloh,	135	135	Pleasant Hill,	86	86
NEW BURLINGTON,	280	280	DIALTON,	320	320
Lumbarton,	200	200	Grafton,	70	70
Sharon,	250	250	Asbury,	200	200
Zoar,	110	101	Simms,	125	125
NEW JASPER,	561	561	KING'S CREEK,	245	240
White Chapel,	104	104	Cable,	110	100
Mt. Tabor,	92	92	Local Chapel,	65	60
NEW VIENNA,	579	579	Kennard,	40	35
New Lexington,	290	290	MUTUAL,	216	216
RAINSBORO,	225	225	Irwin,	110	110
Marshall,	138	138	Union,	230	230
New Boston,	82	82	Treacle's Creek,	75	25
New Petersburg,	115	102	NEW CARLISLE,	550	450
SINKING SPRING,	235	235	Donnelsville,	150	150
Carmel,	200	200	NEW MOOREFIELD,	125	101
Pisgah,	80	53	Moorefield Chapel,	190	190
Conaway,	45	45	Asbury,	190	161
SUGAR TREE RIDGE,	163	163	Fletcher,	195	195
New Market,	54	54	SOUTH CHARLESTON,	675	675
Fairfax,	50	50	Selma,	175	175
Welley,	108	108	SOUTH CHARLESTON CIRC'T	.....	.....
Buford,	90	90	Vienna Cross Roads,	215	165
Danville,	50	50	Brighton,	102	85
UNION,	260	260	South Solon,	150	140
Spring Valley,	225	225	Williams Chapel,	208	150
Richland,	162	162	Pancake Chapel,	225	170
Mt. Holley,	69	69	TIPPECANOE,	450	450
Gladip,	178	178	Milton,	100	100
WAYNESVILLE,	728	728	TREMONT CITY,	205	178
Harveysburg,	150	150	Westville,	190	190
WINCHESTER,	270	270	Concord,	435	435
Seaman's,	200	200	Terre Haute,	125	112
Mt. Olivet,	200	200	TROY CIRCUIT, . . . . .	.....	.....
Emerald,	90	90	Casstown,	328	289
Extra, . . . . .	.....	16	Bethel,	192	170
			Raper,	167	167
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.			YELLOW SPRINGS,	700	700
ARCANUM,	\$600	\$600	Emory Chapel,	150	150
Jaysville,	100	75	Old Town,	75	75
BRANDT,	90	90			
Wayne,	75	77			

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STANDING COMMITTEES.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

WHEN Sir Walter Scott lay dying, he requested his secretary, Dr. Lockhart, to read to him. "Out of what book shall I read?" asked the Doctor. "Out of what book! Why, there is but one book, the Bible," answered Scott. Christianity is pre-eminently a book religion. Without *The Book* no permanent results have ever been secured. The object of the American Bible Society is to provide the nations of the earth with this book. By this Society alone nearly seven hundred thousand copies have been circulated in foreign lands the past year. To those who believe in the power of the divinely-inspired Word, the record of its distribution is the most eloquent statement that can be made.

When contrasted, however, with the millions who still remain without a Bible of their own, it is evident that the Society's means of distributing the "truth" must be greatly increased year after year, until the gospel shall have fulfilled the mission of "being the power of God unto the salvation of every one that believeth," and the whole world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. That the American Bible Society may more successfully than ever before send abroad the Word of God, we recommend that pastors and people take a deeper interest in the Society's aim and purpose. The faithfulness of the Board of Managers merits our praise and support; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we heartily recommend the work of the American Bible Society, and will endeavor to increase our contribution to its work.

J. A. WINKLER, *Secretary*.
EDWARD T. LANE,

F. E. VANCE, *Chairman*.
O. D. BECKER.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

THE Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Publishing Committee, those of the Treasurer of the American University, and those of the Conference Treasurer, have examined the same, and believe them to be correct.

C. W. HORN,
J. W. MAGRUDER,
J. F. LAIRD.

BOARD OF CONTROL OF DEACONESS WORK.

ANOTHER year of self-sacrificing devotion to the Lord's work on the part of our consecrated deaconesses in the Elizabeth Gamble Home has immensely increased the debt of gratitude we owe this institution, that lies so near the heart of the Cincinnati Conference. It ought to have a still deeper place in the affections of the Church, touching as it does those vital interests of body and soul that appeal alike to the humanitarian sympathies and instincts of all classes, and to the deep desire of the

believer for the building up of the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Not since the inauguration of the Deaconess Movement in our midst has there been so much and so effective evangelistic work done by these glorious women as during the past year. It may be noted that not less than 14,000 visits have been made in the interests of the moral and religious welfare of souls. Under the direction of the Cincinnati Church Extension Society, six deaconesses have been engaged regularly in conducting and assisting in religious services. Besides this, they have rendered most valuable assistance to the Churches in special services. The pastors of Addyston, York Street, St. John, Pearl Street, Wesley, Pendleton, and O'Bryonville will gladly testify that they have been most valuable coadjutors.

There have been in the Home during the year from 45 to 50 deaconesses, 7 of whom have been taking the prescribed course of study. It is a matter for congratulation that the work of the Home has been so arranged that the entering deaconesses are now receiving that constant and systematic instruction in the Scriptures and other studies, that it has seemed almost impossible hitherto to give them on account of the tremendous pressure of hospital and evangelistic needs.

In their training, 232 lectures have been given by clergymen, by physicians, by the superintendent, and by Mrs. Parker. This, in addition to the daily recitation in the studies laid down by the Training-school Committee. The hospital work has taxed the energies of our nurse deaconesses to their utmost limit, and it is growing heavier all the while.

The year closing has been unexampled in the labor done in this department. A larger number of patients have been cared for, and more free treatment given than during any year in the history of the Home. In round numbers, hospital treatment to the extent of twenty-three thousand dollars (\$23,000), has been freely given to the Lord's poor. This, in connection with the support and training of the deaconesses, and the expenses connected with their work, has been a great tax upon the resources of the Home, and we regret to report that the donations and collections have not measured up to the expenses incurred by three hundred dollars (\$300) a month. It is not difficult to find a reason. Out of, perhaps, 500 charges, representing the four patronizing Conferences, not more than 179 have shown any practical appreciation of this splendid work by taking collections. And there is a fault at the door of some of us: in this the Conference in which the Home is established, and that receives the largest share of benefit from its ministrations of mercy, 78 out of 162 of our charges have failed to give anything for the deaconess cause, notwithstanding our Conference action that its claims be presented and a collection taken.

We commend most heartily the work of this Home to the warmest sympathies and most earnest co-operation of all our charges. We indorse the request of the Board of Trustees for the reappointment of Rev. H. C. Weakley, D. D., as Corresponding Secretary.

We recommend the observance, as heretofore, of the Sunday preceding Thanksgiving-day as Hospital-day, the pastors to present the work of the Home and its claims, and take up a collection for the cause.

We also recommend the following deaconesses for renewal of license: Carra Close, Ida Pennell, Lucelia House, Julia Randolph, Lucy Spence, Emma Huston, and Mary Lee.

J. F. MARLAY, *President*.

M. M. KUGLER, *Secretary*.

CINCINNATI CHURCH EXTENSION.

THE past year has been an eventful one in the history of the Cincinnati Church Extension Society.

The plans projected for the Italian work, under the supervision of this Society, have materialized through the persistent effort of Mr. James N.

Gamble, and Methodism is now prepared as never before to present the claims of the gospel to the Italians in Cincinnati. The Rev. Giambruno has been installed as the preacher in charge. The two Italian deaconesses have been continued in their special line of visitation, nursing and kindergarten work. A regular schedule of Church, evangelistic, and Sunday-school services will be conducted. The whole plan of operations has the personal indorsement of the Italian consul in Cincinnati. The Society hopes, under the blessing of God, to secure good results from this organization.

The sentiment that all evangelistic effort, outside of the regular Church organization, should be conducted under the supervision of this Society, is becoming more and more pronounced. The Sycamore Hill Mission, inaugurated and conducted by the Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, was formally presented to the Society, with the request that it be assumed as one of the Society's mission points.



The bequest of Mrs. Frances Saffern, of \$100, was paid—a touching illustration of the controlling spirit of the donor, as well as a striking example for people of limited means.

The Society added Cumminsville to its list of beneficiaries, making the twenty-second organization in Hamilton County assisted by the Society.

The Society consummated a transaction deserving special mention as illustrative of it as a medium for handling Church property to advantage. The Methodist colored people owned the equity in the old Union Chapel property, which was fast disappearing by interest accumulations. It was proposed to trade the McLean property, owned by the Society, free of debt, for this equity. It was accepted, and to-day our colored friends are established in their own property, church and parsonage, free from debt. Upon the other side, the Society negotiated the equity for an amount sufficient to reduce its own mortgage indebtedness \$5,000 and its floating debt \$3,200. As a financial transaction it was creditable; as a spiritual work it was life to the colored people and health to Cincinnati Methodism.

The Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home has rendered effective aid through its visiting and kindergarten deaconesses. Experience is bringing with this work more practical results each year.

The McMicken, Sixth Street, O'Bryonville, and Sycamore Hill missions have kept up all the regular services, and many conversions have been reported.

The most important event of the year was, doubtless, the gift of the Gospel Wagon by Mr. T. A. Snider, of the Clifton Church. It opens a sphere of work heretofore occupied in but a limited degree. The science of operating this wagon is being rapidly developed. The elegant equipage dignifies street preaching, and at once commands respect. The theory of the work is that it can be conducted at times and places that will not interfere with the churches, and thus supplement them by presenting the gospel to the unreached people.

The meetings have been unannounced, hence could not draw from the churches. And yet it is a common occurrence to preach three or four times an evening to audiences of from three to ten hundred souls each. Many people are hearing the gospel for the first time in years through the Gospel Wagon. Ideas as to other uses of the Wagon are constantly suggesting themselves, but it will take time to determine their merit.

The Superintendent, Rev M. Swadener, has proved himself an effective servant of the Society in the management of its affairs during this very critical period, and to him personally the success of the past year is largely due.

The Society feels very much encouraged with the results of the past year, but hopes for still larger attainments in the name of Almighty God during the coming year. Respectfully, J. R. CLARK, *President*.

August 15, 1895.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

WE recommend for adoption the following resolutions:

1. We congratulate the Church upon the great work accomplished by our Board of Church Extension, and commend it to the enlarged liberality of all our people.

2. The fact that our country is new, that our population doubles in less than thirty years, so that within another quarter of a century we shall exceed a hundred millions of people, and that the powers of evil are intensely active, demand that the work of Church Extension shall immediately be greatly enlarged and more than doubled in the quarter of a century to come.

3. We will not be content until, in the enlargement of this work under the direction of the General Committee and Board of Church Extension, we shall fully perform the part assigned us as a Conference.

4. In order to do this, we will, in our several appointments, avail ourselves of the helps provided by the Board, in *Christianity in Earnest* and *Glad Tidings*, and will endeavor to lead all our Churches to respond in full to the call made upon them in pursuance of the plans of the Discipline.

FRANK LEEVER, *Secretary*.

F. M. KIRGAN, *President*.

C. J. WELLS,

J. S. PUMPHREY,

S. W. CAMPBELL,

J. P. SHULTZ.

DEACONESS HOME AND CHRIST'S HOSPITAL.

THE Deaconess Home and Christ's Hospital needs no formal acknowledgement from any Conference. The thankful hearts of hundreds of sufferers relieved, and the gratitude of those who have been permitted to share in the maintenance of this noble enterprise, are indorsement enough. Nevertheless, we would record our praise to Him who honors this work with enlarging prosperity; who has given such blessed success to labors of consolation and humanity; who has made the hand of love the hand of

power to win souls to the Redeemer, and sealed this finest charity of the modern Church as indeed a new revelation of the Spirit of Jesus.

The Church has responded nobly to this great work, but never yet provided fully for its manifold needs. These needs deserve more careful consideration and more adequate contributions.

Every Methodist who desires the speedy enlargement of the kingdom should share in this work. The consecrated hearts immediately engaged in it should receive nothing but the heartiest support. May their holy enthusiasm receive no discouragement by any failure of the Church in our territory to furnish them the means of increased continuance in their saintly usefulness!

We heartily indorse the request of the Board for the reappointment of Rev. H. C. Weakley, D. D., the efficient Corresponding Secretary, and we would recommend that on the Sabbath preceding Thanksgiving-day this cause shall be presented in all the charges of the Cincinnati Conference. Also, that the following named be our Conference Board of Control of Deaconess Work: J. W. Mason, M. M. Kugler, H. C. Weakley, Mrs. Bishop Walden, Mrs. W. B. Shattuc, Mrs. Dr. Pearne, Hon. H. Elliott, Hon. B. R. Cowen, J. N. Gamble, Esq. For the Committee.

J. J. McCABE, *Secretary.*

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

NO MOVEMENT in Methodism is fraught with greater promise of good to the Church of God to-day than that of the Epworth League. It is now an organic part of the Church, and calls for the earnest encouragement and co-operation of every minister in the work. The Epworth League as an organization is safe. Its future is insured; but not so with the individual Leagues. There must be readaptation, or many Chapters will die and the work among the young people decline.

As a Committee we would call attention to the need of a most thorough identification of the work among the young people with that of the Church. Nothing could more effectually destroy the League than a separation of it from active co-operation with all the plans of the regular Church work. Let our pastors use the members of our Leagues as workers in all departments of effort, to supplement the regular labors, and not to invent something new. By sending the League out as a look-up legion after the careless and roving, to bring them to the Church, then when there, by becoming a well-directed line of personal appeal, our Leagues may do much to renew the youth of our failing Churches, and save thousands of souls to the kingdom of God.

We approve the general management of our work; indorse the Fifth General Conference District, with its Convention to be held at Dayton, October 22-24; sanction a Conference rally at our annual sessions only; encourage the Presiding Elders' District Conventions and subdistrict meetings; and believe in the local League as the unit of power.

We most cordially sanction the effort of our officers as they are sounding the call along the line to faithful attendance upon the regular means of grace. If one only can be attended, accept the established work of the Church.

We would urge all our pastors to organize Junior Leagues everywhere, when possible. We must save the youth to the Church of God, even if we must resort to the Epworth Guards to do so. Let none be prejudiced, but use all helps to save the children, especially the boys.

It was a wise movement upon the part of the Church when a separate organization was formed for our young people. The tendency of a division between the Church and any young people's organization not di-

rectly under the control of the Quarterly Conference and pastor was obvious, and was wisely avoided. We entertain only the feelings of utmost kindness toward all other young people's societies, but, at the same time, emphasize most heartily the need of the Epworth League as a distinctly Methodist institution, and urge all our ministers to change the name of all other young people's societies in our Churches into Epworth Leagues, where such may be possible by amicable means.

We furthermore express our conviction that the practice prevailing in some instances of allowing the President of a Christian Endeavor Society, even though in the Methodist Church, to become thereby a member of the Quarterly Conference, is not for the best interests of the Church.

We also would urge a more formal and pronounced gradation of the League work, and a more marked graduation from the Junior to the regular League, and a more public and clearly-defined installation of officers.

C. W. RISHELL,
HEBER D. KETCHAM,
J. S. PUMPHREY,
W. A. ROBINSON,

I. C. PAGE,
C. E. SCHENK,
W. H. WEHRLEY.

EDUCATION.

I. OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

THE Ohio Wesleyan University is the pride of Ohio Methodism, and in everything pertaining to its life and growth the Cincinnati Conference feels a deep and abiding interest. The past year has been, in some respects, a notable one. Our beloved Dr. L. D. McCabe, having rounded out a full half-century of service, has retired from active work. Thousands of men and women, some still young, and many well along in years, rise up to call him blessed, and will forever thank God for the intellectual stimulus received in his class-room, and for the spiritual power of his beautiful and devoted life.

During this year, Dr. Charles E. Slocum, of Defiance, Ohio, has made provision for the erection of a fine library building. His own interest in the project has steadily grown, so that he has largely increased the amount originally offered for the purpose; and when the structure is reared it will be of handsome design, of fire-proof construction, and, in all particulars, beautiful, and thoroughly adapted to modern needs. A School of Oratory has been established as a department of the University, under the charge of Robert I. Fulton, A. M., as dean. He brings with him an experience of fifteen years, and the prospect for this new school is highly encouraging. The University has been fortunate in securing the addition to its Faculty of three new professors—Rev. Albert Mann, Ph. D., for the chair of Biology; T. G. Duvall, Ph. D., for the chair of Philosophy; and Rev. W. F. Oldham, A. M., for the chair of Missions and the Comparative Study of Religions. This is a strong and greatly-needed re-enforcement, and will doubtless tell favorably upon the attendance of students. Young men and women to-day study college catalogues, and know where men of ability and power are to be found in professors' chairs; and a successful college must have a strong Faculty.

The order of the year has been good, and President Bashford declares it "the quietest and the pleasantest year" of his administration. This is especially satisfactory in these days when college discipline is such a perplexing matter in many places, and young men from great and honored institutions become a law unto themselves, and by their conduct defy and outrage the best Christian sentiment of the land.

The splendid new University Hall and Gray Chapel has already demonstrated the wisdom of its erection, and seems to be a necessity to the city of Delaware, as well as to the College.

The spiritual life of the University is such as to make every Christian rejoice. Most of the students are earnest Christians, and faithful efforts are made for the conversion of those who have never made a beginning of the Christian life. They organize and pray and work for this end. Let us thank God that we have a College in which Faculty and students are "not ashamed of the gospel of Christ," but heartily believe it to be "the power of God unto salvation," and to which we can send the young people of our Churches and congregations, with the assurance that the finest teaching of the day is associated with the most devout and intense love for the greatest of all Teachers, and where no student's course is thought to be complete until he has brought himself to sit as a true disciple at the feet of Him who "spake as never man spake."

The financial problem continues to be the great problem. Students crowd to the doors of our noble school—1,203 during the last year—and the question is, what to do with them. The University needs a larger Faculty and more buildings, a large addition to the number of books on its library shelves, and laboratories and new courses of study, and many other things; and the money is not forthcoming in such sums as are needed. This is a day of great demands, and calls for a splendid generosity. The last year some valuable gifts have been received, and even since the last Commencement pledges for more than \$36,000 have been secured; but these sums are not all immediately available, and the pressing demand is for some gift large enough to place the University immediately in the position of usefulness and power to which its past history and present opportunities so fully entitle it. We commend the administration of the President, Rev. J. W. Bashford, D. D., and his associates, the Faculty, and pledge them our prayers and co-operation in their good work.

We recommend the re-election of Richard Dymond as trustee for five years.

We recommend the appointment of H. D. Ketcham and W. A. Robinson as Visitors for the ensuing year.

II. SCHOOLS OF THEOLOGY.

The Theological Schools of the Church are all properly under the patronage of the whole Church, and we do not deem it advisable to make specific mention of these institutions, or to refer to their individual merits. They are an essential part of our educational system, and are rendering the Church invaluable service. We judge it not inappropriate to make the following suggestions:

1. Theological schools are not an adequate substitute for academies and colleges; and we recommend that candidates for the ministry be encouraged to pursue academic and collegiate studies, if forced to choose between such studies and those of a purely theological character.

2. While we desire that all our theological schools shall be seats of the highest learning, offering the advantages of the most advanced Christian scholarship, we sincerely trust that they may be so guarded as not to encourage the acceptance of crude and unsupported theories, or develop the skeptical habit of mind.

3. We recommend that these schools give special instruction in Christian sociology, or the application of Christianity to the great social and practical questions of our times. We are grateful to notice that lectures on missionary subjects are being given at some of these schools, and we recommend that they give increasing emphasis to the various phases of the missionary work of the Church, so that the ministry of to-morrow may be fully furnished with weapons for successful warfare in the great battles of social reform and of world-wide evangelization.

We recommend the appointment of the following-named brethren as Visitors for the ensuing year:

To Garrett Biblical Institute—G. H. Dart, P. C. Curnick.

To Drew Theological Seminary—J. F. Marlay, C. M. Van Pelt.

To School of Theology, Boston—J. Pearson, C. W. Barnes.

III. THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY.

We hear with joy of the generous gift, by General J. Watts de Peyster, to the American University, which makes possible the erection at once of the building for the College of Languages. As subscriptions for the College of History were completed last May, the corner-stones of the two buildings—History and Languages—will be laid at the same time. Nearly or quite three-fourths of the \$100,000 needed for the erection of Asbury Hall, to be built by Methodist preachers, have been pledged. We will continue to do all in our power to hasten the formal opening of this greatest Methodist institution for the promotion of Christian and scientific education.

IV. SPRINGFIELD FEMALE COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL.

We recommend the election of the following-named persons to serve three years as trustees: P. P. Mast, H. S. Showers, W. R. Warnock, J. F. Marlay, William Runyan, F. G. Mitchell, and J. A. Story; and also recommend the election of John Pearson to fill a vacancy in the class of trustees whose term will expire in 1897.

On their election, the full Board will be constituted as follows: Term to expire in 1896: E. G. Dial, C. A. Reeser, S. D. Clayton, P. C. Curnick, C. W. Barnes, G. W. Dubois. Term to expire in 1897: Robert Johnson, J. S. Shewalter, J. K. Mower, J. Pearson, E. T. Wells, T. H. Pearne. Term to expire in 1898: P. P. Mast, H. S. Showers, W. R. Warnock, J. F. Marlay, W. Runyan, F. G. Mitchell, J. A. Story.

V. HILLSBORO COLLEGE.

We heartily congratulate the trustees and friends of the Hillsboro College on the completion of the new and commodious building, erected on the site of the old historic building, which was consumed by fire, May 18, 1894. This is an honorable achievement, following all the vicissitudes through which this institution has passed. We take pleasure in announcing the fact that the trustees have elected Rev. Charles F. Euyart, A. M., President of the College, who is a member of this Conference, and well equipped for the responsibilities and work of his office. Having secured already an excellent corps of instructors, and prepared a thorough curriculum of study, and also having provided for an excellent commercial course, and training in music and art, there is promise of efficiency and success in all of the educational work adopted. It is, therefore, with much pleasure that we commend it to the favorable consideration of the Church and general public within its patronizing territory, and cherish an earnest desire that the hearts of its friends will be cheered by a liberal patronage in all its departments of work.

We recommend the election of the following-named persons as trustees of this institution: Jacob Saylor, John L. West, W. C. Duckwall, George W. Barriere, O. N. Sams, Charles Harsha, Thomas H. Pearne, and H. D. Ketcham. We also recommend the appointment of the presiding elder of Hillsboro District and the pastor of Hillsboro Methodist Episcopal Church as Visitors to this institution the ensuing year.

VI. BALTIMORE WOMAN'S COLLEGE.

It gives us pleasure to commend to our people this school of first-class grade, exclusively for the education of women. Specialists of university training are in charge of all of the departments, and our friends who, for any reason, do not wish to send their daughters to mixed schools, may find here one of highest grade, where health, refinement, and thorough culture are assured, while the expenses are very moderate. We recommend as Visitors, S. O. Royal and J. W. Gaddis.

VII. BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The new chapter in the Discipline enlarges the sphere of the Board of Education, connecting it more closely with all the educational work of the Church, and defining more clearly its relations and duties in respect to this work. The University Senate, and the educational system which we now have as a Church, are regarded with great favor by all persons familiar with that system. Not a few men in other denominations have expressed their admiration for our system and the educational advances which, as a denomination, we are making. This advance step is undoubtedly the greatest movement, and fraught with the most important results, of any legislation relating to educational interests during the entire history of the Church. It clearly recognizes the principle of Connectional supervision, and brings into greater prominence the whole work of education. The spirituality of our college students is exceedingly gratifying. Statistics show that, in 1894, in forty-eight Methodist colleges, thirty-three per cent of the male members of the graduating class intended to enter the ministry.

We can not too highly commend the work of the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. C. H. Payne, D.D., LL. D. His public addresses, and vigorous yet kindly administration through the office, continue to impress strongly the pastors and teachers of our Methodism. Quite recently forty-four colleges have advanced their courses of study, a result largely due to his investigations and suggestions. Children's-day grows more popular annually, and its benefactions have an ever-widening effect and blessing.

VIII. CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

We recommend the following: President, J. P. Porter; Vice-President, Howard Henderson; Secretary, A. B. Austin; Treasurer, Edward W. Mulikin; additional members, John W. Dale, James M. De Camp, Theodore F. Spear, James N. Gamble.

C. H. PAYNE, *President*.

FRANK G. MITCHELL, *Secretary*.

 FINANCE.

WE believe that systematic benevolence is an appointed means of grace. We grow, not by what we get, but by what we give. "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty."

Jesus said, "Give, and it shall be given unto you," and a benediction is promised to those who bring the tithes into the storehouse. Men are stewards of God, which is especially applicable to men of wealth. God pours his blessings upon them as he pours rain upon the mountains, that the valleys may be blessed.

We believe that the ministry should preach and practice benevolence, and lead the people in this respect. Mr. Wesley was a prodigious giver. "Like priest like people" is as applicable now as ever. Liberal giving on the part of all our people would relieve the Church of all financial embarrassment, and hasten as much as anything else the conversion of the world to Christ. It is pre-eminently desirable that our young people be trained to conscientious giving; for the Church of the future, with all its philanthropic and Christian agencies, will soon fall into their hands.

JOHN WILSON, *Secretary*.

A. B. AUSTIN, *Chairman*.

FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

WE regret to report that the collections for this very worthy benevolence are less than last year. In view of this deficit we should give especial attention to this cause the coming year.

We repeat the following paragraph from last year's report: "No better work is being done anywhere in the South than in the schools of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society. We have instructed more than 100,000 students. The great majority of the colored physicians, a large share of the colored teachers, and most of the colored preachers in all the States of the South, have been instructed in our Methodist schools. With these facts before us, should we not take a collection in every charge, and make strenuous efforts to raise our full apportionment?"

There is every reason for faithfulness to this cause. The welfare of our fellow-men, the love of country, the interests of education, the necessity of religious life and culture—all unite in enforcing this duty upon ministers and membership of our Conference.

This obligation is further emphasized by the embarrassed condition of the treasury and opening fields of work.

We urge, therefore, that every charge in our Conference contribute its full apportionment for the coming Conference year, and that special donations be sought for this cause.

L. E. PRENTISS,
C. W. BARNES.

LAKESIDE.

BEING appointed as a Committee upon the Lakeside Camp-meeting, we desire to report that, after investigation, we find that the camp-meeting held annually at Lakeside is free from objectionable features, and is conducted with a view to the salvation of souls and the establishing of the Church. In practical work it has to contend with the usual difficulties attending a very successful and popular assembly and summer resort.

In our judgment, there could be adjusted, in connection with the camp-meeting, a training-school for workers, where a line of Bible instruction and a discussion of approved and progressive methods could be afforded, greatly to the profit of the ministers of the Conferences.

We respectfully ask our two representatives that they take under consideration this idea, and suggest the same at the next meeting of the Association. The Camp-meeting Association and the Lakeside Company are entirely distinct in their constitution and provinces. But the Lakeside Company has by lease from the Association been put in charge of all meetings, and entitled to all powers on those grounds under terms that bind them to maintain a first-class camp-meeting, and to keep the gates closed on Sundays.

Lakeside is an ideal Christian summer resort, maintains a first-class Chautauqua Assembly and an excellent camp-meeting, and deserves the confidence and patronage of all our people. We nominate Dr. John Pearson as an additional member of the Camp-meeting Board.

HEBER D. KETCHAM,
C. W. BARNES,

C. W. RISHELL,
E. S. GADDIS.

MISSIONS.

YOUR Committee beg leave to submit the following:

Resolved, That we find in the missions of our Church ample fields for benevolent enterprise.

Resolved, That while in a few charges only, our mission work is so subdivided as to present conflicting views of duty, that we commend to our ministry and laity the thoughtful and prayerful interest which is always associated with liberal giving.

Resolved, That we rejoice together in the manifest tokens of God's approval upon our missionary methods, and in the success achieved during the past year, it having been the most successful in the ingathering of converts in heathen lands of any year in the history of the Church.

Resolved, That we will more and more invite the attention of our people to the work committed by Providence to the Missionary Society, not as superseding the Church, but as representing the Church at every point along the line of Christian effort.

With cordial sympathy for every lawful movement which has for its objects the salvation of the people and the glory of God, be it

Resolved, That the Church has been, and is, the unrivaled agency for the spread of the knowledge of salvation in every land, and in bringing to the thought of all mankind the riches of the knowledge of the love of God.

Resolved, That we make our appeal to the only true God, who is ever at hand, and to our faithful membership who have been faithful stewards of the substance providentially placed in their care, in solving the problems of the evangelization of the world to those who have made Jesus the fountain and seal of all genuine heart-throbs of faith.

We recognize the loyalty of the Church to the cause of missions during the unprecedented financial depression of the past three years, and recommend the dissemination of a wider fund of information through the use of the missionary literature of our Church, calling special attention to *The Gospel in All Lands* and *World-wide Missions*.

We recommend that a missionary concert be held in the public congregation or Sunday-school once a month, and that a special missionary-day be set apart in all our churches.

We recognize the importance of conserving the best interests of the Church itself.

We approve the policy of the General Committee in appropriating moneys for missionary work among the foreign population of our great cities, and respectfully call their attention to the growing need of similar appropriation for carrying on the work among the English-speaking population of the cities.

Resolved, That we note with pleasure the great value and acceptability of A. B. Leonard, D. D., an honored member of our Conference, and Secretary of the Missionary Society. Respectfully submitted.

W. G. WARNER, *Secretary*.

S. MCCHESENEY, *Chairman*.

PARSONAGES.

WE are glad to note the advance in improving, building, and furnishing parsonages in our Conference, and hail with pleasure the commendable interest manifested by the laymen in this good work. There are 117 parsonages within the bounds of our Conference, valued at \$288,550. We would suggest a union of effort on the part of those interested in this work, both ministers and laymen; and that some uniform plan be adopted by which the parsonages be furnished entirely, or at least with heavy furniture.

C. D. MUNSEY, *Secretary*.
A. T. COWGILL,

D. J. STARR, *Chairman*.
D. S. EWRY.

RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, The Forty-fourth Annual Session of the Cincinnati Conference has convened at the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Hamilton, O., under the presidency of Cyrus D. Foss, D. D., LL. D.; therefore,

Resolved, That it is with heartfelt pleasure and satisfaction that we have welcomed Bishop Foss at this, his first visit to our Conference; that we have been gratified with his manner of conducting the business sessions, and enlightened and inspired by his spiritual ministrations; and that we shall be pleased to learn of his reappointment to us in the near future.

Resolved, That our thanks are due, and are here gratefully tendered, to the other members of the cabinet, who have labored by day and by night to adjust the work for another year; to our efficient Secretaries, Brothers S. O. Royal and J. H. McNary, and their assistants; to our Treasurer, Brother C. W. Elliott, and his assistants; and to our Conference Stewards, all of whom have denied themselves many privileges of the Conference to attend to the work assigned them. We also express our thanks to the various reporters and newspapers which they represent, especially to the Hamilton *Daily News* and *Republican*, for their gratuitous distribution and full reports.

Resolved, That we acknowledge a debt of gratitude to the trustees of the Methodist Church at Hamilton for opening their charming and commodious edifice for our use, and to the other denominations, whose houses of worship have been placed at our disposal; that we express to Dr. J. W. Peters and his Committee of Arrangements our thanks for providing for our necessities and enjoyment; that we heartily appreciate the hospitality of those families who have thrown wide the portals of their homes and their hearts for our entertainment; and that we trust our visit to Hamilton will result in abiding blessings upon the Churches and the community.

Resolved, That we have enjoyed the music provided for us by the choir of the Church, and the floral decorations furnished by the ladies.

Resolved, That our thanks are tendered to all railroad companies that have shown us favors.

G. L. TUFTS, *Secretary*.
H. C. MIDDLETON,

C. F. ENYART,
W. M. PATTON.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

WE recognize the Sabbath-day as divine in its origin. It has not come to us through human appointment, but with the authority of "Thus saith the Lord." The great lawgiver, Moses, in speaking to the chosen people, Israel, saith: "The Lord hath given you the Sabbath." And again we find in the Ten Commandments that the Lord calls our attention to the Sabbath-day with a special emphasis when he says: "Remember the Sabbath-day to keep it holy." And again the divine utterance is: "Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily, my Sabbaths ye shall keep." These passages of Holy Writ, and many others, furnish abundant evidence to show the divine origin of the day, and that God designs it to be observed as a day of rest from ordinary labor, and a day on which we should give special attention to the will of God touching our spiritual interests. We are convinced, as we look upon the actions of multitudes on the Sabbath in these latter days, that there is an alarming disregard for the sanctity of God's holy day.

In many of our cities there are special efforts made to fill the places of modern amusements on the Lord's-day with the great, worldly, pleasure-loving multitude. In view of this state of things, we feel it to be

the special duty of all Christians to discourage this Sabbath desecration, by absenting themselves from such places. We are further convinced that it is not wise to encourage in any way the idea that modern methods in the world have a perfect right to set aside the divine idea and purpose of the Sabbath-day. We recognize the Sabbath as instituted in infinite wisdom for the highest good of all humanity, and that this good can only come to us as a people when we keep this day in the spirit and in the way that God indicates in his Holy Word. We are united in our opposition to the modern Sunday newspaper, believing that it is doing great harm to our people, and great violence to the spirit of the Sabbath day.

We would, therefore, pledge ourselves to aid in all proper efforts to secure to our people and our land a Christian Sabbath, with all of its blessings. We recommend that our pastors all over this Conference devote one day to the presentation of the Sabbath question during the coming year.

F. M. CLEMANS,

L. M. DAVIS,

T. D. MOORE,

C. T. CRUM,

B. D. HYPES,

W. M. COFFMAN.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

EMERGING from the severest times our country has seen into sudden prosperity, we discern the survival power of the Church. While multitudes were out of employment—mines and manufactories were closed, and conservative capital on guard against catastrophe—the ministry has been supported, the institutes of religion have been sustained, and progress has marked the desert march under the canopied cloud; and in the camp, at night, the tents have been ruddy with the glow of the pillar of fire. Under the test of the survival of the fittest, the Church has proven its right to exist, and that a Divine Power has attended its career and will crown its future course. Like the mythic pillars of Seth, fabled to have withstood the deluge, it has survived the fury of that flood which has engulfed thrones and temples, systems and schemes, fame and fortune. With reviving prosperity, we see the Church coming out of the wilderness, leaning upon the arm of the Beloved, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners. Indeed, seasons of worldly adversity seem favorable to Church growth, as an army is made efficient and victorious by the privations and perils of war. Affliction is a great teacher. Nothing weans from earth and its lying vanities like adversity. "I have chosen thee in the furnace," is the assurance of the Great Refiner.

Grateful to the Providence that has brought us through the wilderness and over Jordan, we should address ourselves to the new perils that confront us, attending increasing prosperity. When the avenues leading to opportunities for acquiring sudden wealth are open, every surplus dollar is invested, and the net for catching gain spread as widely as possible. In answer to enticing invitations, rigid retrenchment is practiced, that means may be conserved with which to turn the wheel of fortune; men puffed up with plenty, flattered by speedy returns, and making haste to become rich, fall into many snares, forget God, lose all sense of dependence, become bankrupt of humility and inflated with pride, withdraw support from the institutes of religion, look on missionary zeal as fanaticism and a bar to the comities of commerce, and regard the collectors of the Lord's revenues as publicans come to cheat and rob. We warn our people to be wary of the illusions with which the subtlety of Satan always dresses a period of prosperity. So, if riches increase, set not your heart upon them. Use of your abundance to replenish the depleted treasuries of the several benevolent societies; to further endow educational institutions; to push the new evangelism in our cities; to aid in the training of

deaconesses and nurses ; to furnish comfortable parsonages and churches ; to shed " light at the eventide " upon our veterans, as deserving of pensions from the grateful Church as are the battle-scarred heroes of Union from the Republic they rescued. While the love of money is the root of all evil, the money of love is a blessing as green and grateful as the shelter of a century-grown, rock-anchored oak to the weary and wasted pilgrim. The touch of Midas is said to have turned the baser metals into gold, but the touch of love turns gold into the coin of heaven.

Upon our dollars is the legend, " In God we trust." Let us have a divine standard for money, and measure the worth of every dollar by the value of souls, as rated by the Cross of Christ. Vain is the song " O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise," while idle dollars rust in the pocket, that, brightened by circulation, might set a thousand tongues to singing doxologies. God and everybody knows that a man is masquerading when he declares, " Had I a thousand hearts to give, Lord, they should all be thine," while he has a thousand dollars under combination lock, not one of which can get loose to unbind the wing of the evangel having the everlasting gospel to preach. Let our amens have a cash value, and then, when we ask for the heathen as an inheritance, our prayers will be honored, and our titles will be clear.

The greatest sign of the times presaging the millennium is the increasing consecration of money to man-making uses. The Church was never more active than now. The wane or lapse of old institutes, excellent in their day, but outgrown or substituted by new methods, leads the traditionalist and pessimist to lament their loss as the product of spiritual decadence or death. Frequent drafts made on the attention by the birth of new auxiliaries, facilities affected by a variety of new services, modify or draw off interest from other time-honored means of grace. The good embodied in these are living still. Like the falling leaves of a tree, leaving their increment in the trunk, these agencies, so dear to memory, pass, but bequeath their power in new, productive, and enduring forms. The Christ-system is one of germs. The seed-corn principles, planted by the Master, are germinating and producing new growths as time advances, and their best fruits will be gathered at last. The Golden Rule has entered into society ; our States organized common schools, eleemosynary institutions, houses of reform, and humanized penal codes and prison practices. Our ecclesiastical statistics of benevolence display the merest bagatelle of Christian beneficence. We are to look at laws and institutions legislated and founded by principles the Church has passed into political economy, the revenue of which is collected in taxes, and economized, by systematic administration, for the largest returns.

The Church should continue to arouse public sentiment and mold public opinion, until every evil shall be dethroned by the voice of God speaking through the people, whose phonograph is the ballot-box. It should make no entangling alliance with political parties, but create a constituency that will apply Christian antiseptics to the slums and pools of politics, and to the cleansing of leprous politicians. Make a dominant majority Christian, and you will have a Christian Legislature ; make the Legislature Christian, and you will have Christian laws. These laws will be the mind of Christ incorporating society, expressed and crystallized in statutes.

While our rules concerning conformity to the world are not observed as strictly as would be loyal to the letter, yet it must be considered that the vigorous protest of the Church has modified much that was objectionable, so that the evils are lessened, and, it is to be hoped, promise full abatement. A love for higher forms of entertainment acts as an expulsive power of grosser diversions.

The Epworth League is doing much to afford innocent divertisement to our young people. As the forms of evil are protean, we can not essay to detail objectionable pleasures, but would commend to our people the Scripturally fortified rule to indulge in no diversion that can not be used

in the name of the Lord Jesus. As he is as glad in our innocent joys as sad in our sorrows, what disciple of his could wish to do that which could not command his smile!

The state of the Church in our metropolitan centers engages attention. The suburban Churches grow while those at the center weaken or die. The strong Churches in the residence communities, having but little to importune help at their doors, should find a field for their surplus money and energy amid the unchurched masses of our cities—"the storm-centers of civilization." As all vital forces work from the center outward, to save the cities is to save the country. For self-protection the country should aid in the evangelization of the cities. Mighty factors in city work will be the deaconess and the hospital. The sisters and the sanitarium are the hemispheres of the secret of the grasp of Romanism upon our municipalities. If Protestantism would gain in power, it must multiply its agencies for improving the condition of the congested masses.

Altogether, the Church is advancing to a music in the heart, and the world is improving. On the shining summit of the nineteenth century, in sight of the rising, burning peak of the twentieth,

"We are living, we are dwelling
In a grand and awful time;
In an age on ages telling,
To be living is sublime."

The State and the state of the Church are such that, as patriot Christians, we have abundant cause to "thank God and take courage."

HOWARD HENDERSON, *Secretary*.

SYLVESTER WEEKS, *Chairman*.

A. N. SPAHR,

G. H. DART.

GEO. T. PERRY,

SUNDAY-SCHOOL CAUSE.

THE successful work of the Sunday-school Union commends itself to the earnest attention of the Church. Nothing is of vaster importance than the physical, intellectual, and spiritual training of the young. We rejoice in the good work done by and through the Sunday-school Union. During the past year it has aided more than 3,000 schools at home and abroad. Yet more ought to be done for the religious education of the millions of neglected youth. Last year the Cincinnati Conference raised \$445, or an average contribution per member of 9 mills, while 23 charges reported nothing.

We submit the following resolutions:

I. We recommend that the Conference raise its full apportionment of \$1,110 for this cause.

II. That all schools within our denomination use the literature issued by the Methodist Book Concern.

C. L. CONGER, *Chairman*.

JOHN W. GADDIS, *Secretary*.

THE SUPPRESSION OF VICE.

WHEREAS, The publication and circulation of immoral books, papers, and pictures are among the prevailing evils of our times, and have done and are doing much to subvert virtue and destroy social purity and domestic happiness, by corrupting the thoughts and lives of all classes, especially the young; and

WHEREAS, The Society for the Suppression of Vice has destroyed over five tons of such publications, and has, during the past year, secured the

arrest, conviction, and imprisonment of thirty persons, aggregating a term of over twenty-three and a half years, and fines of \$8,830; and

WHEREAS, The Cincinnati Branch of the Society for the Suppression of Vice is within the bounds of our Conference; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Cincinnati Conference that we heartily indorse the good work which is being done by this Society, and that we assure its officers of our co-operation with them in their great and difficult work in the interests of humanity.

D. J. STARR,

J. P. PORTER,

R. H. RUST,

W. A. ROBINSON,

E. P. JAMES,

EDWARD MCHUGH.

SUPPORT OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

A CONNECTIONAL PLAN.

(Methodist Discipline.)

THE Board of Stewards, to which was referred the paper from the Veteran Ministers' Relief Association, would respectfully report the following modified form of memorial to General Conference for your favorable consideration:

¶ 284. Each Annual Conference shall devote one service at each annual session to the consideration of the claims upon the Church of the superannuated ministers and other Conference claimants. Each Annual Conference shall establish a permanent Conference fund, subject to its own control, and under such regulations as its wisdom may direct, the income of which shall be added to the other moneys for the support of its own Conference claimants. Each congregation shall observe a Sunday upon which the pastor shall present this cause to the members of the Church and emphasize their obligations to the Conference claimants. A collection shall be taken in the public congregation for the support of Conference claimants separate from any other interest.

¶ 286. The names of the ministers, the widows and the children of deceased ministers, whom it is proposed to make claimants upon the Conference funds, shall be referred to the Board of Stewards; the report of this Board determining the list of Conference claimants, shall be considered and approved by the Annual Conference.

¶ 287. All moneys received by the Annual Conference for annual distribution in aid of the support of Conference claimants shall be divided into two sums: The first, consisting of one-fourth of the whole, shall be called the General Fund; the second, consisting of three-fourths of the whole, shall be called the Special Fund.

(1) The General Fund shall be distributed upon the following basis: Each superannuated minister who has been declared a claimant shall receive annually \$10 for each year of his effective service; each widow shall receive annually \$5 for each year in which she was the wife of a minister during his effective service; each child under eighteen years of age shall receive annually \$2 for each year of the father's effective service. These claims shall be paid pro rata from the moneys in hand.

(2) The Special Fund shall be distributed among the effective and supernumerary ministers who have been granted a claim, and the annuitants—whether superannuates, widows, or children—whose annuities are insufficient for their needs, in such proportions as the Board of Stewards may deem equitable.

¶ 288. The allowance to each claimant shall be reported to and be approved by the Annual Conference. An amount sufficient to meet the allowances of the Conference claimants under the provisions of this plan shall be apportioned among the charges upon such equitable basis as the Conference may determine.

¶ 289. Whenever any claimant on the funds of the Conference shall be in debt to the Book Concern, the Annual Conference of which he is a member shall have power to appropriate the amount of such claim, or any part thereof, to the payment of said debt.

¶ 290. When a member of the Annual Conference is accused of crime in the interval of his Conference session, and is suspended by a Committee, and subsequently convicted by his Conference and expelled, his claims upon the funds of the Conference shall cease from the time of his suspension. And when a member of an Annual Conference is suspended, and is afterward restored, he shall have no claim on the congregation nor upon the funds of the Conference during the period of such suspension.

We recommend the following Committee be appointed to formulate an additional paragraph in regard to the Connectional feature: John Pearson, W. H. Sutherland, M. E. Ketcham, James N. Gamble, J. M. DeCamp.

TEMPERANCE.

YOUR Committee on Temperance respectfully recommend the adoption of the following expression:

1. The best interests of mankind require the destruction of the liquor-traffic at the earliest possible moment.

2. Christians should not consent, even in thought, to compromise with this enemy of God and man. Every one should maintain perpetually the attitude of alert hostility to the liquor-dealer and his plans to promote or defend his bad business. Favor shown to a business so malignant is treason against God and the human race.

3. All Christians should be friends of the temperance reform, and should combine their efforts for its support. Agitation is necessary; silence is surrender. The ideal should be kept in view. The most radical hater of the saloon should be heartily cheered. The campaign of instruction should be carried forward with increasing energy. Foundation principles should be stated and maintained valorously against every attack.

4. We should study how to make progress in securing practical results. First, existing laws against the evil should be rigorously enforced, partly because permitted defiance of law tends to anarchy, and partly because the failure to enforce such laws as we have is the most influential of all arguments against the enactment of stronger laws. Secondly, we should unite to secure the enactment of advanced legislation, always pressing forward to absolute prohibition. As this requires action, as citizens, having political power and responsibility, it becomes imperative that we should reward the friends and punish the enemies of our cause. Legislators and all officials who help us must, in the primaries and at the polls, be protected from the assaults of the combined liquor-power. For humanity's sake, those who give their political influence to the saloon must, without mercy, be politically destroyed. So long as those who *would* serve us can not do so without political self-destruction, and those who hate our cause are permitted with impunity to obstruct its advance, we shall be the scorn and derision of all observers. Only when we stand together and hit hard shall we secure, from the foes of this great reform, the respect it deserves, and from the indifferent their co-operation.

5. We commend to all men a careful study of the vigorous methods and triumphs of Dr. C. H. Parkhurst, of New York, in his heroic assault on corrupt and subservient city officials. We thank God for the demonstration made by Police Commissioner Roosevelt and his fellow-commissioners of the fact that law can be enforced by determined and incorruptible officers. We view with abhorrence the course of the many leading newspapers that have shamelessly sided with the criminal classes of America's metropolis, and thrown all their influence against good government.

6. We commend to our people, for their consideration, the "Address of the Presiding Elders of Ohio Methodism," and pray for that union of all our forces to which it is a well-meant contribution. While we can not accept the Haskell Local-option Bill even as a resting-place for our forces in their resolute advance toward absolute prohibition, yet we are willing to go that way in our resistless march to final victory. The Ohio Anti-saloon League, by its attempts to secure the enactment of their bill, can not fail to impress the Legislature of this Commonwealth with a sense of the growing determination of temperance people to secure respectful attention to their just demands.

7. The National Woman's Christian Temperance Union is endeavoring to secure the universal observance of the fourth Sunday of November in each year as Temperance Sunday. We will gladly join them in the good work. We heartily bid God-speed to this admirable and increasingly influential organization.

Approved by the entire Committee.

A. H. LUCAS, *Secretary.*

S. O. ROYAL,

H. W. BAILEY,

GEO. K. MORRIS, *Chairman.*

W. A. WIAIT,

O. M. SELLERS.

TRACT CAUSE.

THE Tract Committee, in their report, desire to call attention to the following facts:

1. The tract is a great evangelizing instrumentality, because of its inexpensiveness, or is granted free of charge.

2. Its adaptation to almost every variety of need.

3. Its convenience and ease in circulation.

4. Its brevity, making it acceptable, when a small book might be neglected.

5. The Tract Society of our Church commands a vast assortment of literature. Catalogues are furnished free.

6. The Society asks of the entire Church \$50,000 annually. This Conference is apportioned \$1,100. Last year the Cincinnati Conference paid \$411, or a little more than one-third of the apportionment. We recommend greater enthusiasm in this important cause, and that the above apportionment be approved by the Conference, and apportioned pro rata by the presiding elders to the charges. We also recommend that as many members of the Conference as possible attend the Anniversary of the Society, to be held in the St. Paul Church, Cincinnati, on the second Sunday in November.

ALBERT C. TURRELL,

W. A. DEATON,

W. S. GRAY,

J. R. HUNTER.

V. MISCELLANY.

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY.

To the Cincinnati Conference:

I HEREWITH submit my report as Conference Treasurer for the American University :

Balance from last year, \$254 65

Receipts during the year :

G. W. Vorhis,	\$5 00
D. W. Clark,	150 00
George V. Morris,	10 00
F. E. Vance,	8 00
V. F. Brown,	24 00
R. E. Smith,	33 00
A. G. Newton,	5 00
J. Pearson,	10 00
Thomas H. Pearne,	50 00
G. L. Tufts,	15 00
L. O. Deputy,	5 00
H. D. Ketcham,	30 00
Total,	\$599 65

Disbursements:

S. L. Beiler, Vice-Chancellor American University, . .	\$598 00
Postage,	80
Total,	\$598 80
Cash on hand,	85
Total,	\$599 65

FRANK G. MITCHELL,
Conference Treasurer for American University.

HAMILTON, O., September 3, 1895.

ABSTRACT OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CINCINNATI CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Funds invested and loaned as follows :

Little Miami Railroad bond,	\$1,500 00
Sundry notes,	4,600 00
In bank,	300 00
Total,	\$6,400 00

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Receipts for the Year ending August 31, 1895.

Interest on Little Miami Railroad bond,	\$120 00
Interest on sundry notes,	314 95
Total,	\$445 95

Disbursements for the Year ending August 31, 1895,

Traveling expenses of Treasurer,	\$3 16
Taxes on lot in Madisonville,	3 69
Paid Board of Conference Stewards,	428 10
Total,	\$434 95

The Board is constituted at present as follows :

President, Wm. L. Hypes; Vice-President, Henry C. Weakley; Secretary, Sylvester Weeks; Treasurer, James T. Bail; Wm. Herr, John F. Loyd, and James P. Porter. *Attest: SYLVESTER WEEKS, Secretary.*
HAMILTON, O., August 31, 1895.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY
RELATIVE TO THE LABORS OF REV. DR. W. I. FEE,
AGENT.

At a meeting of the officers of the Society, held at Greene Street Church, Piqua, October, 1895, the President in the chair, it was decided the Rev. Dr. Fee should be permitted to accept invitations for evangelistic labors from outside the bounds of the Conference. As soon as this fact was announced through the papers, invitations began to come to him from several different States. In responding to these invitations, he has performed the following labor :

He accepted an invitation to conduct pentecostal services at the Annual Session of the Ohio Conference held at Jackson, O., last September, for which he received official evidence of appreciation. He went to Malta, O., to assist Rev. J. W. Luckeck, November 19th, where he labored for three weeks; thence to Waverly, O., Rev. Zimmerman pastor, where he labored for three weeks; thence to Centerville, Rev. J. W. Gaddis pastor, where he labored for eight days, and hastened to Mansfield, O., to assist Rev. Dustin Kemble, where he labored two weeks; thence to Portsmouth, to assist Rev. McElroy at Bigelow Chapel; next he went to Washington C. H., to assist Rev. Frank McElfresh, where he remained six weeks; next he went to Franklin to assist Rev. C. H. Haines.

At all these places the Churches have been greatly blessed through the labors of Brother Fee. Letters to the Secretary from these pastors report hundreds of conversions and reclamations. At one place there were one hundred and fifty conversions and additions to the Church. From all these places the reports justify us in summing up the matter by saying, Brother Fee's labors have resulted in many conversions and reclamations, in binding pastors and people closer together, in getting many who have been nominal Christians into active work, and in general spiritual uplifts.

V. F. BROWN,
J. G. VAUGHAN.

CORRESPONDENCE OF A. LOWREY.

NEW YORK CITY, 226 Central Park, West, August, 1895.

To the Bishop and Members of the Cincinnati Conference, greeting:

DEAR BRETHREN,—I shall not have the pleasure of meeting you at this session. My health is about as it was last year, except my eyes are failing. The doctor says a cataract is growing over each, but I scarcely believe it. I think my eyes are worn out. The only remedy is to have them replaced with a new pair in the resurrection body. I shall have eyes then, for "I shall see Him as He is."

Last year I moved the organization of a Cincinnati Conference Historical Society. The Conference adopted the proposition. I offered to give (\$100) one hundred dollars, if the Conference proceeded with the measure earnestly. I thought its action rather tentative, though sincere. I still feel committed for a hundred dollars, and therefore inclose a check for that sum. If the Conference should deem the historical project impracticable, I beg the Conference to accept the gift, and dispose of it at its discretion. I should be pleased, if nothing better be suggested, if it were distributed among the hardest worked and poorest-paid preachers of the Conference. Do not understand this, however, to be a bribe for votes for General Conference; for, if I improve, I expect to go to Cleveland, whether I am elected or not. If I do not improve, but decline, I shall go to a better place, to which I am already elected by a decided majority. When God elects, I can not be counted out. I thank you, brethren, for the hearty reception you gave me last year. The only drawback in the case was my conviction that I did not deserve it. Still, do your best to respect and love me; for it is grateful to my feelings to be esteemed by such a set of men. Do not fail to respect gray hairs and bald heads. You will each soon be where we are. Every babe is on the way to decay and dissolution. I am trying to merit your confidence. I shouted over and published the account of your great revivals.

Divine Life is my evangel. Some of my patrons say I am doing more good with it than ever before. Some are kind enough to say it is to them next to the Bible. Brother Eugene Gaddis has generously consented to attend to my subscription-list, and canvass for the *Divine Life*. May your sessions be pentecostal! I am sure you will be pleased with Bishop Foss. He fills the Episcopal Alcove grandly. Pray for me, and God forbid that I should sin in ceasing to pray for you. Good-bye!

Affectionately yours,

ASBURY LOWREY.

FRATERNAL LETTER FROM THE CINCINNATI CONFERENCE TO
DR. LOWREY.

HILLSBORO, September 10, 1895.

Rev. Asbury Lowrey, D. D.:

DEAR BROTHER,—The undersigned were detailed by the Cincinnati Annual Conference to recognize your fraternal greeting received at our late session, and also to reciprocate its kindly salutations. The Historical Society, of which you write, is organized, officered, and launched. Your noble gift of one hundred dollars in its aid is in the hands of the Society's Treasurer. By a unanimous vote the Conference has expressed its thanks for your generosity.

We assure you, most cordially, of our abiding and growing love for you. We hold in highest estimation your long and unswerving loyalty to our Lord and King, and also the resultant fact that you still "bring forth fruit in old age." It is a wonderful truth that Christian steadfastness and

joy, and abounding spiritual life, are not conditioned upon externals of place or health or work. Alike to those who serve and to those who wait, the grace of Jesus Christ is both abundant and adequate. His promise is the sure foundation of our hope, the unfailing source of our comfort and enrichment. In loving sympathy, and in earnest prayer we hold you in our hearts, always commending you

"To His sure love and tender care,
Who earth and heaven commands."

To all who toil and suffer, and to all the weary, Jesus is the great Rest giver. His yoke, whether of work or sacrifice or suffering, is always easy. His burden is light. To all disciples, and to each in all possible conditions, He says: "My grace is sufficient for thee." We can not doubt that you are finding sweet fulfillment of His "exceeding great and precious promises." Abiding trust is the law of the highest Christian life, and of the supremest bliss. All this you have so fully proved, that you

"Shrink not at pain or woe,
Nor feel at death dismay."

Across and beyond the horizons of earthly sorrow sweep the revelations of Divine love.

Invoking for you the fullest measure of spiritual enrichment, both for earth and heaven, we remain, dear brother, your fellow-servants "in the kingdom and patience of Jesus,"

W. L. HYPES, R. S. RUST,
A. B. LEONARD, THOMAS H. PEARNE.

CONSTITUTION OF THE CINCINNATI CONFERENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be called the Historical Society of the Cincinnati Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The *object* shall be to collect and preserve matters of interest pertaining to the history of the Church, particularly within our own borders.

ART. II. It shall be composed of the members of the Cincinnati Conference, who shall be requested to pay into its treasury annually the sum of twenty-five (25) cents. Life members may be constituted on the payment at any one time of the sum of five (\$5) dollars or more; any one not a member of the Conference may be constituted an *honorary* member on the payment of three (\$3) dollars, or by making valuable and approved contributions to the archives of the Society.

ART. III. The affairs of this Society shall be in charge of a Board of nine (9) *Directors*, who shall choose from their own number a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Custodian, whose duties shall be those usually pertaining to such offices.

ART. IV. The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held during the Conference session. At this meeting vacancies in the Board shall be filled and all business transacted. Semi-annual meetings may be held for promoting the interests of the Society at such time and place as may be fixed by the Board of Directors.

ART. V. The Custodian shall make an annual report of the condition and character of the historical collection, for insertion in the Minutes.

ART. VI. This Constitution may be amended at any Annual Meeting on a majority vote of the members present, provided the proposed amendment has the approval of the Board of Directors.

BY-LAWS.

1. Reports of the several officers shall be made at the Annual Meeting.
2. Members of the Society, life and honorary, may be constituted at any meeting, annual or semi-annual.

3. The Board of Directors shall be divided into three classes, to serve one, two, and three years respectively, so that three members shall be elected at each Annual Meeting.

4. The Board of Directors shall have power to fill vacancies *ad interim* in its own body.

5. These By-laws may be amended at any Annual Meeting on a majority vote, providing the Board of Directors recommend the change.

The Board of Directors of the Cincinnati Conference Historical Society is as follows: President, Thomas H. Pearne, D. D.; First Vice-President, William L. Hypes, D. D.; Second Vice-President, J. F. Marley, D. D.; Secretary, Merrick E. Ketcham; Treasurer, Frank G. Mitchell, D. D.; Custodian, Stanley O. Royal; Asbury Lowrey, D. D., William I. Fee, D. D., D. J. Starr, D. D.

THE JOHN MEARS BEQUEST.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES TO THE CINCINNATI CONFERENCE, AUGUST 1, 1895.

ASSETS.

1. United States four per cent Bonds,	\$300 00
2. City of Cincinnati Deficiency Bonds,	1,000 00
3. " " Consolidated Sinking Fund Bonds,	2,000 00
4. Real Estate Mortgage Note, J. H. Parrott,	1,500 00
5. " " " " M. A. Smith,	550 00
6. " " " " D. Purdy,	500 00
7. " " " " I. Claxton,	500 00
8. Cash,	1,400 00
Total Assets,	\$7,750 00

RECEIPTS.

1. Cash on hand August 31, 1895,	\$338 99
2. Interest on Mortgages,	214 27
3. " Bonds,	132 00
	\$685 26

DISBURSEMENTS.

1. Ohio Wesleyan University, per voucher of G. H. Hartensee, Auditor, January 8, 1895,	\$67 74
2. Illinois Wesleyan University, per voucher of John Reed, Treasurer, January 12, 1895,	67 74
3. Cincinnati Conference Claimants, per voucher of John Pearson, January 22, 1895,	135 44
4. Cash on hand, due Cincinnati Ladies' Home Mission,	414 34

685 26

We hereby certify that the above is a true and correct statement of the present condition of the John Mears Bequest.

THOMAS H. PEARNE,	} Trustees of The John Mears Bequest.
JOHN PEARSON,	
J. R. CLARK,	

PLAN FOR CONFERENCE EXAMINATIONS.

IN order to provide a more thorough and systematic examination of candidates for the ministry, and secure greater efficiency to the examiner in the discharge of his duties, we beg leave to submit the following plan :

ARTICLE I.—BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

SECTION 1. There shall be a Board of Examiners consisting of sixteen elders, chosen from the Conference, who shall constitute a Conference Faculty, and who shall be continued by the Conference, from year to year, as examiners in the same studies during their term of office.

ARTICLE II.—OFFICERS OF FACULTY.

SECTION 1. The officers of the Faculty shall consist of a President, Secretary, and a Recorder of Standings, selected from the elders constituting the Board of Examiners, and who shall be appointed to their respective offices the same as other members of the Faculty.

SEC. 2. The Recorder of Standings shall be the one who keeps the Conference Record of Grades of the candidates examined.

ARTICLE III.—TERM OF SERVICE.

SECTION 1. The term of service for each member of the Faculty, including officers, shall be for the length of time required to complete the course of study.

SEC. 2. Whenever it is necessary to fill a vacancy, or is thought proper to appoint a new member to the Faculty, a list of names shall be presented to the Bishop by the existing Faculty, indicating to him the person or persons, and the department of study said person or persons are thought best qualified to fill, when they shall be appointed thereto according to the Disciplinary method.

ARTICLE IV.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND FACULTY.

SECTION 1. The President shall preside at the meetings of the Faculty and perform such other duties as pertain to that office.

SEC. 2. The Secretary shall attend to all business correspondence of the Board, keep a record of its transactions, arrange list of candidates examined, with their grades for the Recorder of Standings, and report annually to the Conference the work of the Faculty.

SEC. 3. The Recorder of Standings shall arrange the list of candidates examined, with their grades, according to their years in the course of study, report the same when called for by the Bishop, and, when accepted by the Conference, shall enter them in the Book of Records and issue to each candidate a certificate of his grades.

SEC. 4. It shall be the further duty of the Faculty to act as instructors and examiners for all candidates for admission on trial, and for all who are in the ministerial course, and may, at its discretion, arrange the order in which the studies shall be pursued ; and each department shall formulate its own questions for examination, and said questions must be submitted to and approved by the Board of Examiners before used.

ARTICLE V.—CLASSIFICATION OF COURSE OF STUDY.

SECTION 1. The Conference Course of Study shall be classified under the following departments :

1. *Preparatory Studies*.—Elementary English Branches ; Catechism of Methodist Episcopal Church ; Men and Books.
2. *History*.—United States History ; Outlines of Universal History ; Smaller Scripture History.

3. *Church History*.—History of American Methodism; History of Missions of Methodist Episcopal Church, 2 vols.; History of Methodism, 3 vols.; Life of John Wesley; Short History of the Christian Church; History of Rationalism; History of Protestant Foreign Missions.

4. *Rhetoric and Homiletics*.—All Written Sermons and Essays; Wesley's Sermons; Theory of Preaching; The Principles of Rhetoric.

5. *Theology*.—Tongue of Fire; Plain Account of Christian Perfection; Systematic Theology, vol. 1—Miley; Theological Encyclopedia and Methodology; Atonement of Christ; Studies in Theology: The Supernatural Book; Systematic Theology, vol. 2—Miley; The Sacraments.

6. *Metaphysics*.—Lessons in Logic; Elements of Psychology; Philosophy of Theism; Analogy of Natural and Revealed Religion; The Christian Life—Ethics; The Christian Religion.

7. *Exegesis*.—Introduction to the Scriptures; All Exegetical Studies; Biblical Hermeneutics; Life and Epistles of St. Paul.

8. *Ecclesiastical Law*.—Digest of Methodist Law; Discipline of Methodist Episcopal Church; The Governing Conference in Methodism; The General Conference and Episcopacy.

9. *Sociology*.—Social Aspects of Christianity; The Modern Sunday-school; The Epworth League; Our Country; Introduction of Political Economy.

10. *Archæology*.—Christian Archæology; Seven Lamps of Architecture; From Dan to Beersheba; Ecce Cælum.

SEC. 2. That no candidate for the ministry be passed in any study under a grade of 6.5; and no year's course be passed under an average grade of 7.5; and that no person be recommended for admission to the Conference who has not passed said grade.

SEC. 3. To candidates completing the entire course the Conference may grant a certificate of merit, bearing the Conference seal and signed by the presiding Bishop and Secretary.

SEC. 4. If the Conference so order, the Faculty shall conduct semi-annual examinations, and provide such methods of instruction as it may deem expedient.

PREACHERS' RELIEF SOCIETY OF CINCINNATI ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

THIS benevolent Society is worthy of the kindly support and co-operation of the members of the Conference.

The annual membership fee is one dollar, which may be paid during the year, and continues the name upon the roll of members.

The life-membership fee is ten dollars, and entitles the member to aid during life, so far as the resources of the Society may admit. The total of annual and life members at this date is seventy.

Out of its relief fund, during the past year, the Society has gladly responded to twenty-seven calls for financial aid, and as liberally as possible.

No preacher can know but that this Society may come to his aid in some coming day of affliction or adversity, or to his toiling widow and orphans after his departure from them. Many are the expressions of gratitude which have been received from those to whom timely relief has been ministered.

The growth of the permanent assets of our Society does not come by public appeal, through an agent, but must come from annual fees, annual meetings, with voluntary contributions, special donations and bequests, and from non-interest-bearing notes, to be paid before or after decease, according to the wish of the maker.

The management of the affairs of this organization has been without expense during the past eight years, together with the careful, delicate, and sacred task of distributing help to those in need.

OFFICERS.

President—R. S. RUST.

Vice-President—J. T. BAIL.

Secretary—H. C. WEAKLEY.

Treasurer—THOMAS COLLETT.

Managers—William Herr, John G. Black, F. Leever, Wm. L. Hypes, D. L. Aultman, Thomas H. Pearne, J. S. Whitney, B. R. Cowen, R. Dymond.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts for the Year ending September 1, 1895.

From balance in treasury,	\$201 67
From membership fees,	47 50
From interest on notes collected,	998 25
From notes maturing and paid,	1,014 00
From Bishop J. M. Walden (donation),	25 00
Total,	\$2,286 42

Disbursed for the Year ending September 1, 1895.

For relief, as per orders,	\$740 50
For taxes and expenses on land,	56 28
For travel, stationary, and postage,	14 60
For loans,	1,231 10
Cash in treasury,	243 94
Total,	\$2,286 42

Duly audited.

THOMAS COLLETT,
Financial Secretary and Treasurer.

REPORT OF PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

THIS pamphlet is our report. We have labored with the greatest care to prevent errors. We crave pardon for such as may have escaped our eye. We would call your attention to the several new features of this year's Minutes—the Conference map, the circuit salary report, the portraits of deceased ministers, and the general index to the four numbers which compose the record of this quadrennium. These features are valuable, and deserve a place in our printed records, but all entail extra expense. We hope that the members of the Conference will show their appreciation by large subscriptions and prompt payments. By dint of hard work in securing advertisements, the expenses have been met heretofore. Respectfully submitted.

S. O. ROYAL, *Chairman.*

CONFERENCE SESSIONS.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

YEAR	TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1800.	October 6, . .	Bethel Academy, Ky., . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1801.	October 1, . .	Ebenezer, Tenn., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1802.	October 1, . .	Bethel Academy, Ky., . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1803.	October 2, . .	Mt. Gerizim, Ky., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1804.	October 2, . .	Mt. Gerizim, Ky., . . .	W. McKendree, . .	William Burke.
1805.	October 2, . .	Anthony Honston, Ky., . .	{ Francis Asbury, . . Richard Whatcoat, . .	William Burke.
1806.	September 15,	Ebenezer, Tenn., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1807.	September 14,	Chillicothe, O., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1808.	October 1, . .	Liberty Hill, Tenn., . .	{ Francis Asbury, . . W. McKendree, . .	William Burke.
1809.	September 30,	Cincinnati, O.,	{ Francis Asbury, . . W. McKendree, . .	William Burke.
1810.	September 6, .	Shelbyville, Ky., . . .	W. McKendree, . .	William Burke.
1811.	October 5, . .	Cincinnati, O.,	W. McKendree, . .	Learner Blackman.

OHIO CONFERENCE.

1812.	October 1, . .	Chillicothe, O.,	W. McKendree, . .	Charles Holliday.
1813.	September 1, .	Steubenville, O.,	W. McKendree, . .	David Young.
1814.	September 8, .	Cincinnati, O.,	John Sale, P. E., . .	David Young.
1815.	September 14,	Lebanon, O.,	W. McKendree, . .	David Young.
1816.	September 3, .	Louisville, Ky.,	{ W. McKendree, . . Enoch George, . .	David Young.
1817.	September 3, .	Zanesville, O.,	{ W. McKendree, . . R. R. Roberts, . .	David Young.
1818.	August 7, . .	Steubenville, O.,	{ W. McKendree, . . Enoch George, . .	John Tevis.
1819.	August 7, . .	Cincinnati, O.,	{ W. McKendree, . . Enoch George, . .	Cornelius Springer.
1820.	August 8, . .	Chillicothe, O.,	R. R. Roberts, . .	Cornelius Springer.
1821.	September 6, .	Lebanon, O.,	{ W. McKendree, . . R. R. Roberts, . .	Cornelius Springer.
1822.	September 5, .	Marietta, O.,	{ Enoch George, . . W. McKendree, . .	Cornelius Springer.
1823.	September 3, .	Urbana, O.,	{ R. R. Roberts, . . W. McKendree, . .	Cornelius Springer.
1824.	September 2, .	Zanesville, O.,	{ R. R. Roberts, . . J. Soule,	James Collard.
1825.	October 12, . .	Columbus, O.,	Enoch George, . .	Isaac C. Hunter.
1826.	October 4, . .	Hillsboro, O.,	E. Hedding,	G. R. Jones.
1827.	September 19,	Cincinnati, O.,	Enoch George, . .	G. R. Jones.
1828.	September 18,	Chillicothe, O.,	R. R. Roberts, . .	G. R. Jones.
1829.	September 3, .	Urbana, O.,	{ R. R. Roberts, . . W. McKendree, . .	G. R. Jones.
1830.	September 8, .	Lancaster, O.,	J. Soule,	H. O. Sheldon.
1831.	September 8, .	Mansfield, O.,	E. Hedding,	H. O. Sheldon.
1832.	September 19,	Dayton, O.,	J. Emory,	H. O. Sheldon.
1833.	August 21, . .	Cincinnati, O.,	R. R. Roberts, . .	H. O. Sheldon.
1834.	August 20, . .	Circleville, O.,	J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1835.	August 19, . .	Springfield, O.,	{ O. J. Andrew, . . J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1836.	September 28,	Chillicothe, O.,	J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1837.	September 27,	Xenia, O.,	R. R. Roberts, . .	J. M. Trimble.
1838.	September 26,	Columbus, O.,	B. Waugh,	J. M. Trimble.
1839.	September 18,	Cincinnati, O.,	J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1840.	September 30,	Zanesville, O.,	{ E. Hedding, . . . J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1841.	August 25, . .	Urbana, O.,	R. R. Roberts, . .	J. M. Trimble.
1842.	September 28,	Hamilton, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. M. Trimble.
1843.	September 27,	Chillicothe, O.,	J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1844.	September 4, .	Marietta, O.,	{ B. Waugh, J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1845.	September 3, .	Cincinnati, O.,	L. L. Hamline, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1846.	September 2, .	Piqua, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. M. Trimble.
1847.	September 1, .	Columbus, O.,	E. S. Janes,	J. M. Trimble.
1848.	September 27,	Newark, O.,	L. L. Hamline, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1849.	September 19,	Dayton, O.,	{ B. Waugh, L. L. Hamline, . .	J. M. Trimble.
1850.	September 18,	Chillicothe, O.,	{ E. S. Janes, . . . T. A. Morris,	J. M. Trimble.
1851.	September 17,	Springfield, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. M. Trimble.

CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

YEAR	TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1852.	September 22,	Xenia, O.,	E. S. Janes,	J. T. Mitchell.
1853.	September 28,	Hillsboro, O.,	E. S. Janes,	J. T. Mitchell.
1854.	September 23,	Cincinnati, O.,	L. Scott,	J. T. Mitchell.
1855.	September 26,	Urbana, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. T. Mitchell.
1856.	October 1,	Ripley, O.,	E. R. Ames,	J. T. Mitchell.
1857.	September 9,	Piqua, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. T. Mitchell.
1858.	September 8,	Lebanon, O.,	E. S. Janes,	J. T. Mitchell.
1859.	September 7,	Dayton, O.,	E. R. Ames,	J. T. Mitchell.
1860.	September 5,	Oxford, O.,	M. Simpson,	J. T. Mitchell.
1861.	September 4,	Springfield, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. T. Mitchell.
1862.	September 3,	Cincinnati, O.,	E. R. Ames,	J. T. Mitchell.
1863.	September 2,	Xenia, O.,	O. C. Baker,	W. H. Sutherland.
1864.	September 8,	Greenfield, O.,	M. Simpson,	W. H. Sutherland.
1865.	August 30,	Troy, O.,	D. W. Clark,	W. H. Sutherland.
1866.	August 29,	Ripley, O.,	E. Thomson,	W. H. Sutherland.
1867.	August 28,	Urbana, O.,	T. A. Morris,	W. H. Sutherland.
1868.	August 26,	Hamilton, O.,	D. W. Clark,	W. H. Sutherland.
1869.	August 25,	Hillsboro, O.,	E. R. Ames,	W. H. Sutherland.
1870.	August 24,	Piqua, O.,	E. S. Janes,	W. H. Sutherland.
1871.	August 30,	Dayton, O.,	L. Scott,	W. H. Sutherland.
1872.	August 28,	Eaton, O.,	I. W. Wiley,	W. H. Sutherland.
1873.	August 27,	Springfield, O.,	E. R. Ames,	W. H. Sutherland.
1874.	August 26,	Wilmington, O.,	R. S. Foster,	W. H. Sutherland.
1875.	September 1,	Cincinnati, O.,	E. G. Andrews,	W. H. Sutherland.
1876.	August 30,	Oxford, O.,	S. M. Merrill,	W. H. Sutherland.
1877.	September 5,	Xenia, O.,	G. Haven,	W. H. Sutherland.
1878.	September 4,	Piqua, O.,	W. L. Harris,	David Judson Starr.
1879.	September 3,	Urbana, O.,	M. Simpson,	David Judson Starr.
1880.	September 1,	Middletown, O.,	Jesse T. Peck,	David Judson Starr.
1881.	September 7,	Springfield, O.,	Isaac W. Wiley,	David Judson Starr.
1882.	September 6,	Dayton, O.,	T. Bowman,	David Judson Starr.
1883.	September 5,	Hamilton, O.,	R. S. Foster,	David Judson Starr.
1884.	September 3,	Hillsboro, O.,	S. M. Merrill,	Frank G. Mitchell.
1885.	September 3,	Walnut Hills, Cin'ti, O.,	W. L. Harris,	Frank G. Mitchell.
1886.	September 2,	Piqua, O.,	J. M. Walden,	Frank G. Mitchell.
1887.	August 31,	Mechanicsburg, O.,	E. G. Andrews,	Stanley O. Royal.
1888.	September 5,	Jamestown, O.,	H. W. Warren,	Stanley O. Royal.
1889.	September 4,	Xenia, O.,	S. M. Merrill,	Stanley O. Royal.
1890.	August 27,	Greenville, O.,	I. W. Joyce,	Stanley O. Royal.
1891.	September 2,	Urbana, O.,	R. S. Foster,	Stanley O. Royal.
1892.	August 31,	Middletown, O.,	W. K. Ninde,	Stanley O. Royal.
1893.	August 30,	Troy, O.,	J. F. Hurst,	Stanley O. Royal.
1894.	September 5,	Wilmington, O.,	D. A. Goodsell,	Stanley O. Royal.
1895.	August 28,	Hamilton, O.,	C. D. Foss,	Stanley O. Royal.

HISTORICAL DATA OF THE DELEGATED GENERAL CONFERENCES.

COMPILED BY JOHN PEARSON.

- 1812.**—General Conference was held in New York City, May 1–22. Business days, 19. Number of delegates, 90. Ratio of representation, 1 in 5. Number of Church members, 195,357.
- 1816.**—Held in Baltimore, May 1–24. Business days, 21. Delegates, 106. Ratio, 1 in 5. Church members, 214,235.
- 1820.**—Held in Baltimore, May 1–27. Business days, 24. Delegates, 89. Ratio, 1 in 7. Church members, 259,890.
- 1824.**—Baltimore, May 1–28. Business days, 24. Delegates, 125. Ratio, 1 in 7. Members, 328,523.
- 1828.**—Pittsburg, May 1–24. Business days, 21. Delegates, 160. Ratio, 1 in 7. Members, 381,997.

- 1832.—Philadelphia, May 1-28. Business days, 24. Delegates, 197. Ratio, 1 in 7. Members, 513,114.
- 1836.—Cincinnati, May 2-27. Business days, 23. Delegates, 147. Ratio, 1 in 14. Members, 652,528.
- 1840.—Baltimore, May 1, to June 3. Business days, 29. Delegates, 128. Ratio, 1 in 21. Members, 795,445.
- 1844.—New York, May 1 to June 10. Business days, 35. Delegates, 180. Ratio, 1 in 21. Members, 1,171,356.
- 1848.—Pittsburg, May 1 to June 1. Business days, 28. Delegates, 151. Ratio, 1 in 21. Members, 639,036.
- 1852.—Boston, May 1 to June 1. Business days, 27. Delegates, 178. Ratio, 1 in 21. Members, 728,700.
- 1856.—Indianapolis, May 1 to June 4. Business days, 30. Delegates, 217. Ratio, 1 in 21. Members, 800,327. *Cincinnati Conference delegates*: Wm. Young, W. Nast, J. B. Finley, J. W. Fowble, G. W. Walker, A. Brown, C. Brooks, A. Lowrey, M. Dustin. *Reserves*: J. T. Mitchell, Charles Elliott, W. Ahrens.
- 1860.—Buffalo, May 1 to June 4. Business days, 30. Delegates, 221. Ratio, 1 in 27. Members, 994,447. *Cincinnati Conference delegates*: Wm. Nast, W. Young, J. T. Mitchell, M. Smith, M. Marlay, G. Moody, D. Reed. *Reserves*: W. Ahrens, M. Dustin, G. C. Crum.
- 1864.—Philadelphia, May 2-27. Business days, 23. Delegates, 216. Ratio, 1 in 30. Members, 928,340. *Cincinnati Conference delegates*: L. D. McCabe, W. Nast, W. Young, M. Smith, G. Moody, M. Dustin. *Reserves*: W. H. Lawder, J. W. Fowble, J. A. Klein.
- 1868.—Chicago, May 1 to June 2. Business days, 27. Delegates, 231. Ratio, 1 in 30. Members, 1,255,115. *Cincinnati Conference delegates*: A. Lowrey, J. Kendall, Wm. Young, J. M. Walden, J. Armstrong. *Reserves*: M. Dustin, J. F. Chalfant.
- 1872.—Brooklyn, May 1 to June 4. Business days, 30. Delegates, clerical, 292; lay, 129; total, 421. Ratio, 1 in 30. Members, 1,458,441. *Cincinnati Conference delegates*: J. W. Weakley, J. M. Walden, J. F. Marlay, R. S. Rust, J. F. Chalfant. *Reserves*: G. C. Crum, A. Lowrey. *Lay delegates*: Ichabod Corwin, Philip B. Swing. *Reserves*: Jacob Chambers, J. M. Phillips.
- 1876.—Baltimore, May 1-31. Business days, 27. Delegates, clerical, 222; lay, 133; total, 355. Ratio, 1 in 45. Members, 1,622,291. *Cincinnati Conference delegates*: J. M. Walden, A. Lowrey, J. F. Marlay, G. Moody. *Reserves*: W. H. Sutherland, R. S. Rust. *Lay*: C. W. Rowland, W. R. Warnock. *Reserves*: Jacob Chambers, W. M. Meek.
- 1880.—Cincinnati, May 1-28. Business days, 24. Delegates, clerical, 248; lay, 151; total, 399. Ratio, 1 in 45. Members, 1,742,992. *Cincinnati Conference delegates*: J. M. Walden, W. L. Hypes, C. H. Payne, W. I. Fee. *Reserves*: S. A. Brewster, R. S. Rust. *Lay*: Edward Sargent, H. Elliott. *Reserves*: E. W. Mullikin, W. M. Meek.
- 1884.—Philadelphia, May 1-28. Business days, 24. Delegates, clerical, 261; lay, 156; total, 417. Ratio, 1 in 45. Members, 1,835,490. *Cincinnati Conference delegates*: J. M. Walden, A. B. Leonard, C. H. Payne, Wm. Runyan. *Reserves*: R. S. Rust, L. F. Van Cleve. *Lay*: P. P. Mast, John W. Dale. *Reserves*: Thomas Brown, John C. Brooke.
- 1888.—New York, May 1-31. Business days, 27. Delegates, clerical, 288; lay, 175; total, 463. Ratio, 1 in 45. Members, 2,154,349. *Cincinnati Conference delegates*: C. H. Payne, A. B. Leonard, J. H. Bayliss, I. W. Joyce. *Reserves*: R. S. Rust, John Pearson. *Lay*: John E. Jones, John K. Polard. *Reserves*: W. R. Warnock, Andrew Coffman.
- 1892.—Omaha, May 2-26. Business days, 21. Delegates, clerical, 315; lay, 189; total, 504. Ratio, 1 in 45. Members, 2,442,627. *Cincinnati Conference delegates*: A. B. Leonard, C. H. Payne, Jno. Pearson, T. H. Pearne. *Reserves*: Wm. Runyan, H. C. Weakley. *Lay*: Wm. W. Wilson, James N. Gamble. *Reserves*: P. P. Mast, B. R. Cowen.

VI.

In Memoriam.

DECEASED BISHOPS.

NAME.	BORN.	EST'D MINISTRY.		Conse- crated Bishop.	REMARKS.
		Conference.	Y'r.		
Thomas Coke.....	Oct. 9, 1747	Brit. Wes.	1778	1784	Died at sea, May 3, 1814.
Francis Asbury.....	Aug. 20, 1745	Brit. Wes.	1766	1784	Died in Virginia, March 31, 1816.
Richard Whatcoat.....	Feb. 23, 1736	Brit. Wes.	1769	1800	Died in Delaware, July 5, 1806.
William McKendree.....	July 6, 1757	M. E. Ch.	1788	1808	Died in Tennessee, March 5, 1835.
Enoch George.....	Mar. 10, 1768	M. E. Ch.	1790	1816	Died in Virginia, August 23, 1828.
Robert R. Roberts.....	Aug. 2, 1778	Baltimore.	1802	1816	Died in Indiana, March 28, 1843.
Joshua Soule.....	Aug. 1, 1781	New York.	1799	1824	Entered M. E. Ch. So., '46, died Mar. 6, '67.
Elijah Hedding.....	June 7, 1780	New Eng..	1801	1824	Died in Poughkeepsie, April 9, 1852.
James Osgood Andrew.....	May 3, 1794	S. Carol'a	1813	1832	Bish. M. E. Ch. So., '46; died Mar. 1, '71
John Emory.....	April 11, 1789	Phila.....	1810	1832	Died in Maryland, December 16, 1835.
Beverly Waugh.....	Oct. 25, 1789	Baltimore.	1809	1836	Died in Maryland, February 9, 1858.
Thomas A. Morris.....	April 28, 1794	Ohio.....	1816	1836	Died in Springfield, O., Sept. 2, 1874.
Leonidas L. Hamline.....	May 10, 1797	Ohio.....	1833	1844	Resig'd 1852; died in Iowa, Mar. 22, '65.
Edmund Storer Janes.....	April 27, 1807	Phila.....	1830	1844	Died in New York, Sept. 18, 1876.
Levi Scott.....	Oct. 11, 1802	Phila.....	1825	1852	Died in Odessa, July 13, 1882.
Matthew Simpson.....	June 21, 1811	Pittsburg	1834	1852	Died in Philadelphia, June 18, 1884.
Osmon C. Baker.....	July 30, 1812	N. Hamp.	1839	1852	Died in Concord, N. H., Dec. 20, 1871.
Edward R. Ames.....	May 20, 1806	Illinois.....	1830	1852	Died in Baltimore, April 25, 1879.
*Francis Burns.....	Dec. 5, 1809	Liberia.....	1838	1858	Died in Baltimore, April 18, 1863.
Davis Wagsatt Clark.....	Feb. 25, 1812	New York.	1843	1864	Died in Cincinnati, May 23, 1871.
Edward Thomson.....	Oct. 12, 1810	Ohio.....	1832	1864	Died in Wheeling, W. Va., Mar. 22, '70.
Calvin Kingsley.....	Sept. 8, 1812	Erie.....	1841	1864	Died in Beyroot, Syria, April 6, 1870.
*John W. Roberts.....	Sept. 8, 1812	Liberia ...	1838	1866	Died in Africa, January 30, 1875.
William L. Harris.....	Nov. 4, 1817	Michigan.	1837	1872	Died in New York, Sept. 2, 1887.
Isaac W. Wiley.....	Mar. 29, 1825	Phila.....	1851	1872	Died in Foochow, China, Nov. 22, 1884.
Gilbert Haven.....	Sept. 19, 1821	N. Eng'd.	1851	1872	Died in Malden, Mass., Jan. 3, 1880.
Jesse T. Peck.....	April 4, 1811	Oneida.....	1832	1872	Died in Syracuse, N. Y., May 17, 1883.
Erastus O. Haven.....	Nov. 1, 1820	New York.	1848	1880	Died in Salem, Oreg., August 2, 1881.

* Missionary Bishops.

OHIO CONFERENCE.

OUR FATHERS AND BROTHERS.	DATE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF DEATH.	AGE.
Lewis Hunt,		Dec. 3, 1801, Kentucky, . . . . .	...
William Young,	May 16, 1786,	July 8, 1812, Ohio,	26
Ralph Lotspeich,	Feb. 15, 1781, Virginia,	Dec. 15, 1813, Ohio,	32
Walter Griffith,	Aug. 12, 1782, Maryland,	June 27, 1822, Xenia, O.,	40
Samuel Baker,	Sept. 13, 1793, Maryland,	Sept. 26, 1823,	30
Alexander Cummins,	Sept. 31, 1787, Virginia,	Sept. 27, 1823, Cincinnati, O.,	36
Nathan Walker,	Oct. 20, 1795, Maryland,	Aug. 26, 1825, Frankfort, Ky.,	30
John Walker,	Feb. 28, 1797, Virginia,	April 5, 1849,	52
John Sale,	April 4, 1769, Virginia,	Jan. 15, 1827, Troy, O.,	58
Michael Ellis,	May 5, 1758,	Oct. 30, 1830, Rehoboth, O.,	72
John Ulin,	1792, Virginia,	July 13, 1833, Newark, O.,	41
James F. Callaghan,		Nov. 9, 1833, Marietta, O., . . . . .	...
Thomas F. Sargent,	April 10, 1776, Maryland,	Dec. 29, 1833, Cincinnati, O.,	57
William Page,	Sept. 1772, New Jersey,	Nov. 15, 1834, Ohio,	62
Philip Gatch,	March 21, 1751, Maryland,	Dec. 28, 1834, Ohio,	83
Russel Bigelow,	Feb. 24, 1793, New Hampshire,	July 1, 1835, Columbus, O.,	43
William Phillips,	May 7, 1797, Kentucky,	Aug. 6, 1836, Cincinnati, O.,	39
Erastus Felton,	Jan. 28, 1798, New York,	June 25, 1837, Ohio,	39
John A. Waterman,	June 29, 1790, New Hampshire,	Aug. 6, 1837, Oxford, O.,	47
James W. Finley,	Dec. 24, 1800, Ohio,	June 11, 1838, Kentucky,	38
William D. Barrett,	July, 19, 1797, Virginia,	Feb. 22, 1839, Ohio,	42
Dudley Woodbridge,	1814, Ohio,	Jan. 3, 1839, Marietta, O.,	25
Frederick B. Butler,	July 22, 1803, Virginia,	March 5, 1839, Ohio,	36
Moses Crume,	Feb. 27, 1766, Virginia,	April 1, 1839, Oxford, O.,	73
George Fate,	Aug. 28, 1819, Ohio,	Aug. 28, 1839, Marion, O.,	20

OUR FATHERS AND BROTHERS.	DATE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF DEATH.	AGE.
Charles R. Baldwin, . . .	March 17, 1803, Massachusetts	Nov. 9, 1839, Parkersburg, Va.,	36
Jeremiah Hill, . . .	Oct. 2, 1816, Rhode Island, . .	May 26, 1840, Ohio,	24
Robert W. Finley, . . .	June 9, 1750, Pennsylvania, . .	Dec. 8, 1840, Ohio,	90
William B. Christie, . .	Sept. 2, 1803, Ohio,	March 27, 1842, Cincinnati, O.,	39
Isaac C. Hunter, . . .	Aug. 30, 1798, Pennsylvania, . .	June 27, 1842, Gallipolis, O., .	44
Alfred Hance, . . .	Jan. 8, 1810, New Jersey, . . .	Feb. 2, 1843, Ohio,	33
John W. Kanaga, . . .	Feb., 1819,	Feb. 14, 1844, Ohio,	25
Greenbury R. Jones, . .	April 7, 1784, Pennsylvania, . .	Sept. 20, 1844, Marietta, O., .	60
Henry S. Farnandis, . .	Dec. 1, 1793, Virginia,	May 17, 1845, Rushville, O., .	52
John Collins,	Nov. 1, 1769, New Jersey, . . .	Aug. 21, 1845, Kentucky, . . .	76
John Ferree,	Nov. 22, 1792, Pennsylvania, . .	Oct. 4, 1845, Jackson, O., . . .	53
William R. Anderson, . .	June 21, 1810, Ross Co., O., . .	Feb. 25, 1846, Ohio,	36
Benjamin Cooper, . . .	June 3, 1802, Perry Co., O., . .	May 13, 1846, Indiana,	44
Jacob Delay,	Dec. 17, 1781, Pennsylvania, . .	Oct. 18, 1846, Jackson Co., O., .	65
William Parrish, . . .	Oct. 25, 1800, n'r Lexington, Ky	Oct. 17, 1847, Butler Co., O., .	47
James Quinn,	April 1, 1775, Pennsylvania, . .	Dec. 1, 1847, Ohio,	72
Alexander Morrow, . .	March 21, 1810, Pennsylvania, . .	Feb. 13, 1849, Ohio,	39
Benjamin Lakin, . . .	Aug. 23, 1767, Maryland, . . .	Feb., 1849, Ohio,	82
Nathan Emery,	Aug. 5, 1780, Maine,	May 27, 1849, Ohio,	69
Martin Wolf,	Nov. 25, 1813, Pennsylvania, . .	July 10, 1849, Ohio,	36
Alfred L. Westervelt, . .	Jan. 22, 1821, Westerville, O., .	July 31, 1849, Ohio,	29
Asa B. Stroud,	April 11, 1807, Ohio,	Sept. 23, 1849, Ohio,	42
Chas. B. Warrington, . .	March 13, 1814, England, . . .	Feb. 18, 1850, Ohio,	36
Philip A. Mutchner, . .	Jan. 10, 1817, Ohio,	Oct. 2, 1850, Ohio,	33
Joseph T. Lewis, . . .	April 18, 1824, Ohio,	Nov. 3, 1850, Cincinnati, O., .	26
O. P. Williams,	April 13, 1814, Ohio,	1850, Ohio,	36
James A. Taylor, . . .	1823, Ohio,	Aug. 10, 1851, Ohio,	28
Samuel Maddux, . . .	May 2, 1818, Ohio,	Nov. 9, 1851, Logan, O., . . .	33
Ebenezer B. Chase, . .	April 3, 1806, Maine,	Feb. 4, 1852, Kingston C't'r, O.	36

CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Conference.	Time of Death.	Age.	Years of Ministry.	Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Conference.	Time of Death.	Age.	Years of Ministry.
Wm. H. Raper, . . .	1810	Feb. 11, 1852	58	33	George B. Owens, . .	1853	Nov. 23, 1863	54	10
Jos. S. Tomlinson, . .	1825	June 4, 1853	51	28	A. P. Dunlap, . . .	1854	Feb. 14, 1863	34	9
Chas. G. Meredith, . .	1846	July 16, 1854	34	8	A. M. Lorain, . . .	1824	Apr. 25, 1863	72	39
Gilbert C. Townley, . .	1848	Nov. 2, 1854	33	6	W. H. Fyffe, . . .	1836	May 20, 1863	49	27
Thomas Gorsuch, . . .	1841	May 12, 1855	39	14	J. T. Mitchell, . . .	1832	May 30, 1863	53	31
James M. Cavin, . . .	1850	May 19, 1855	30	5	L. Swormstedt, . .	1818	Aug. 28, 1863	64	45
Philip Nation, . . .	1833	Oct. 14, 1855	43	22	C. W. Sears, . . .	1844	Aug. 29, 1863	44	19
James Smith,	1818	Apr. 7, 1856	65	38	Henry Baker, . . .	1814	Dec. 24, 1863	66	49
George W. Walker, . .	1826	July 31, 1856	51	30	E. D. Roe,	1832	.....	1864	31
B. Brown Miller, . . .	1849	Sep. 16, 1856	32	7	David Sharp, . . .	1813	Apr. 21, 1865	77	52
James B. Finley, . . .	1809	Sep. 6, 1857	76	48	Enoch G. West, . .	1848	May 8, 1865	39	17
Moses G. Bennett, . .	1847	Mar. 8, 1857	37	10	Wm. E. Spahr, . .	1863	Nov. 30, 1865	22	2
A. J. Dinkins,	1842	Jan. 10, 1857	44	15	David Whitcomb, .	1826	May 17, 1866	..	40
Samuel Neer,	1854	Aug. 15, 1857	30	3	Levi White,	1822	Aug. 21, 1866	68	44
James B. Austin, . . .	1828	Sep. 27, 1857	51	29	M. Marlay,	1831	Sep. 2, 1866	69	35
J. J. Tiffany,	1850	Dec. 29, 1857	31	7	David Reed,	1832	Mar. 24, 1867	56	35
Arthur W. Elliott, . .	1818	Jan. 18, 1858	73	40	Wm. S. Hartley, . .	1856	Feb. 7, 1869	35	13
John S. Jackson, . . .	1856	Mar. 29, 1858	24	2	Joseph M. Gatch, .	1842	Feb. 13, 1869	47	27
W. S. Morrow, . . .	1830	June 19, 1858	53	28	Arza Brown, . . .	1824	Aug. 1, 1869	77	45
Robert O. Spencer, . .	1824	Aug. 30, 1858	52	34	Moses Smith, . . .	1842	Aug. 25, 1869	52	27
Horace S. Sellman, . .	1846	Feb. 1, 1859	38	13	Jesse Botkin, . . .	1842	Feb. 25, 1870	62	28
Perlee W. Wilber, . .	1851	June 11, 1859	52	25	A. W. Musgrove, . .	1852	Apr. 19, 1870	58	30
William Kaetter, . . .	1851	Sep. 12, 1859	46	8	Charles W. Swain, .	1831	Apr. 25, 1870	76	39
Steph. H. Holland, . .	1831	Jan. 10, 1860	53	29	Eli Kirk,	1857	Sep. 17, 1870	39	13
Jesse R. Hall,	1854	Aug. 30, 1860	26	6	Dan'l D. Davison, .	1811	Dec. 14, 1870	85	59
Charles Kissenger, . .	1855	Sep. 28, 1860	30	5	John W. Fowble, . .	1842	July 6, 1871	56	29
Isaac I. Beall,	1849	Oct. 27, 1860	37	11	John Shim,	1854	Sep. 26, 1871	47	17
Peter Schmucker, . .	1838	Dec. 9, 1860	76	46	Isaac Neff,	1849	Oct. 29, 1871	47	22
George Danker, . . .	1839	Mar. 4, 1861	67	22	John Seys,	1825	Feb. 9, 1872	72	47
Daniel Griffiths, . . .	1853	Aug. 28, 1861	34	8	Levi P. Miller, . . .	1830	July 28, 1872	63	42
Hen. E. Purkiser, . . .	1852	Dec. 4, 1861	34	9	Wesley Rector, . .	1871	Sep. 26, 1872	35	8
Wesley Rowe,	1834	Feb. 8, 1862	52	28	George J. Conner, .	1859	Apr. 1, 1873	44	14
Joseph Newson, . . .	1833	May 20, 1862	53	29	A. B. Wambaugh, .	1838	Aug. 14, 1873	57	35
Charles R. Lovell, . .	1833	Sep. 25, 1862	45	29	Joshua Boucher, . .	1818	Nov. 22, 1873	76	55
George W. Harris, . .	1850	Nov. 5, 1862	38	12	H. M. Curry,	1848	Mar. 3, 1874	55	26

Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Con- ference.....	Time of Death.	Age.....	Years of Min- istry.....	Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Con- ference.....	Time of Death.	Age.....	Years of Min- istry.....
James Armstrong, . .	1827	July 1, 1874	70	47	Andrew Murphy, . .	1837	Feb. 4, 1885	88	48
W. Simmons, . .	1820	Aug. 6, 1874	76	54	John N. Irvin, . .	1872	Mar. 6, 1885	37	12
N. C. Parrish, . .	1865	Feb. 15, 1875	40	10	Joseph J. Hill, . .	1830	Nov. 11, 1885	80	55
W. Routledge, . .	1843	Apr. 28, 1875	68	32	John C. Maddy, . .	1852	Dec. 12, 1885	63	33
M. G. Purkiser, . .	1835	Apr. 29, 1875	61	40	Dennis Callahan, .	1855	May 6, 1886	67	38
E. House, . .	1865	May 20, 1875	50	10	J. W. Stone, . .	1838	Oct. 14, 1886	74	49
J. C. Bontecou, . .	1827	Oct. 14, 1875	72	48	G. Moody, . .	1835	June 4, 1887	75	52
N. Callender, . .	1825	Feb. 6, 1876	75	51	D. Whitmer, . .	1846	June 23, 1887	65	41
P. A. Ogden, . .	1825	Aug. 23, 1876	77	51	R. Brandriff, . .	1823	July 16, 1887	84	64
Samuel Brown, . .	1841	Sep. 23, 1876	70	35	Wm. Young, . .	1832	Aug. 26, 1887	80	55
T. A. G. Phillips, . .	1833	Feb. 28, 1877	67	44	J. S. Peregrine, . .	1851	Feb. 24, 1888	69	37
Wm. H. Lawder, . .	1833	Apr. 20, 1877	68	44	S. F. Courey, . .	1837	July 4, 1888	73	51
Wm. I. Ellsworth, .	1834	May 10, 1877	70	43	M. P. Gaddis, . .	1838	Sep. 8, 1888	77	50
Elijah H. Field, . .	1824	Oct. 1, 1878	82	54	Jer'h B. Ellsworth	1838	Apr. 30, 1889	79	51
A. Meharry, . .	1841	Nov. 18, 1878	65	37	Allen W. Tibbits, .	1846	May 8, 1889	67	43
Jos. A. Reeder, . .	1829	Nov. 24, 1878	81	49	Chas. W. Ketcham	1854	May 13, 1889	59	35
John C. Deem, . .	1854	Jan. 21, 1879	77	25	Ephraim M. Cole, .	1850	June 29, 1889	68	39
J. McD. Mathews, .	1831	Aug. 5, 1879	75	48	William Mahou, . .	1859	July 1, 1889	53	21
John F. Wright, . .	1815	Sep. 13, 1879	84	64	Jer'h H. Bayliss, .	1859	Aug. 14, 1889	54	30
Wm. H. Miesse, . .	1870	July 26, 1880	34	10	Geo. H. Kennedy, .	1853	Sep. 19, 1889	65	36
John Barton, . .	1839	Jan. 16, 1882	64	43	Sam'l A. Brewster, .	1854	May 25, 1890	64	36
Herman Lüders, . .	1878	Jan. 17, 1882	39	4	Thomas Lee, . .	1851	Mar. 10, 1891	64	40
David Warnock, . .	1834	Feb. 21, 1882	72	48	J. W. Keely, . .	1845	Dec. 23, 1891	75	48
James Kendall, . .	1851	Mar. 2, 1882	59	31	J. F. Courey, . .	1839	Jan. 26, 1892	74	52
George C. Crum, . .	1831	Mar. 4, 1882	73	51	L. F. Van Cleve, .	1850	Mar. 2, 1892	66	44
John W. Weakley, .	1837	Apr. 30, 1882	69	45	G. W. Kelley, . .	1855	May 5, 1892	72	37
Charles Kalbfus, . .	1826	May 10, 1882	75	56	W. E. Hines, . .	1856	June 22, 1892	69	37
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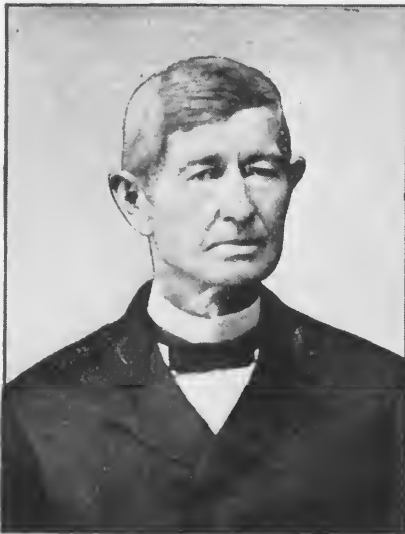
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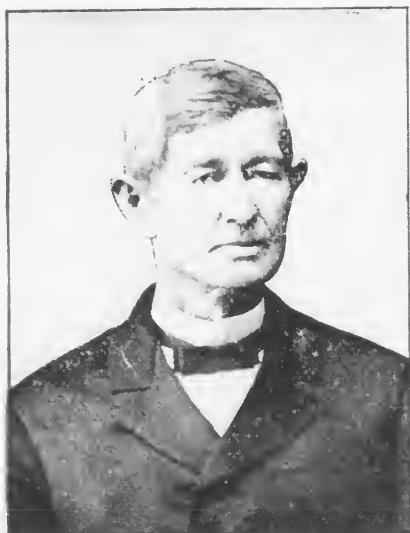
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Felicity; 1861-62, Greenfield; 1863, Waynesville; 1864-65, Lockland; 1866-67, Monroe; 1868-70, Troy; 1871-73, Hillsboro. By special invitation he served one pastoral term, 1874-76, in Grace Church, Newport, Ky., returning to the Cincinnati Conference at the end of his pastoral term. 1877-79, Eaton; 1880-81, Hamilton; 1882-85, presiding elder of the Dayton District; 1886-87, Troy, a second pastorate; 1888-90, Oxford; 1891, York Street (Cincinnati); and 1892, Piqua, Grace Church.

At the close of the year's work in this last charge, being much worn in health, he asked a superannuated relation, and in this relation went home. Bishop L. L. Hamline ordained him a deacon in 1848, at Newark, Ohio, and Bishop E. S. James ordained him an elder in 1850, at Chillicothe, Ohio; but the Lord of harvests ordained him a preacher of righteousness and a soul-winner when he called him into the ministry in 1845. O, the hundreds won to Christ through his life and labors in the long list of charges served! (He has doubtless been greeted by many of them ere this, and now he waits to greet those who follow after.)

As a preacher, Brother Cowden ranked well, being able to grasp the truth and present it forcibly. His statements were clear, his manner earnest, and his conceptions of the ministry and Word committed to him, exalted. He never trifled, never wasted his time, and never lost sight of the fact that he was an ambassador of the Lord Jesus Christ, and as such his one business was to save souls. He was diligent and studious in his habits, and while on the retired list, would preach every opportunity offered, and even would seek the opportunity, usually preparing new sermons for such occasions.

His last sermon was preached from the pulpit of Mulberry Street Church, Troy, Ohio, Sunday morning, December 16, 1894, from the words: "Brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified, and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men."

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J. E. ABRAMS.

Mrs. Harriet V. Lovell.

HARRIET V. PILCHER was born at Athens, Ohio, June 7, 1813, and died at her home in Hamilton, Ohio, November 30, 1894. Her father, Elijah Pilcher, was a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was the uncle of the Rev. Elijah Pilcher, of the old Ohio Conference. She was religiously trained, and early in life became a professed Christian, and united with the Church. She was married to Charles R. Lovell, April 26, 1833. Three years subsequent to this time, her husband joined the old Ohio Conference, and she gladly began with him the arduous duties of the itinerant life, in which she was ever active and faithful. She was especially kind to the young ministers, and many of them found her home a haven of rest and comfort, and the few who survive hold her in precious remembrance. Her husband died September 25, 1862. Since that date a whole generation has passed away, and the Church of to-day has scanty knowledge of the noble woman who spent twenty-six years of her life in helping her husband make beautiful and strong the walls of Zion. The last thirty-two years have been spent in patient waiting. Her faith never failed, nor did her hope grow dim. There was much struggle with poverty and other adverse conditions; but she was a true, cheerful, exemplary Christian to the very last. For a year before her death she suspected that death was near; but there was no change in her manner of life, for she had no fear. Her last illness was brief. For four or five days she suffered much; then the pain ceased, and death came for her, and, with gentle touch, released her spirit.

T. H. P.

Mrs. Margaret Conrey.

MRS. MARGARET CONREY was born May 17, 1818, and died in Syracuse, N. Y., July 1, 1895. She was converted in early life, and united with the Church. On May 22, 1839, she was married to Rev. Stephen F. Conrey. They began the work of their ministry in the old Kentucky Conference, when the circuit system existed, with its pioneer work, long journeys, hardships, simplicity of life and manners, and Christian fervor. After several years spent in this field, they removed to the Cincinnati Conference, where they labored for upwards of forty years. This godly couple spent fifty-four years in the active work of the ministry, when declining strength and the weight of years led them to lay aside the severer toil, and rest and wait for the Master's call to their reward. Sister Conrey's husband died about seven years ago. For the past six years she has lived with her son in Syracuse, N. Y. She led a consistent Christian life, and bore an untarnished reputation, and possessed a most estimable Christian character. To the last she retained her interest in the Church of her choice and in the cause of Christ. The prosperity of Zion, the salvation of souls, and the advancement of the kingdom of the Redeemer, were subjects dear to her heart. For these objects her faith went out, and her prayers were ardent. Long years of service had given her a wide field of observation, and she was an apt scholar in it all. The result was a poise of mind seldom disturbed by the passing changes of the hour. Her faith in God, in the Church, and in the gospel was constant and strong. In the days of the Temperance Crusade in Ohio, she shared an active and prominent part, and continued her interest in this cause to life's close. It was, therefore, most fitting that the local Woman's Christian Temperance

Union should present, as it did, appropriate memorial resolutions upon her work, character, and death, and read them at her funeral. Her religious experience was satisfactory, and stood well the test of God's Word. She took hold of the promises by faith, and proved to her own heart their truthfulness and God's faithfulness in keeping his covenant. She found abiding peace, with joy and unfaltering hope, in the religion of Jesus Christ. Her character was well-rounded and adorned by the graces of the Spirit. Cheerful and hopeful, she exerted a salutary influence upon those with whom she came in contact. When the end came, she was ready, and calmly entered into rest, leaving the inheritance of a true life as a precious memory to her family and friends. She leaves one son, Wilbur F. Conrey, his wife, and their little daughter, with numerous friends, to mourn their loss. Her funeral was held at the home. In the absence of her own pastor, Rev. W. H. Latimer, who is in Europe, Rev. J. C. Nichols, a neighboring pastor, conducted the service. Beneath the clear sky and warm sun of a lovely summer day, her body was laid to rest in the beautiful Oakwood Cemetery of the city where she spent her last years, to await the morning of the resurrection.

JOHN C. NICHOLS.

Mrs. Sarah Black.

MRS. SARAH BLACK, whose maiden name was Ray, was born near North Hampton, Clarke County, Ohio, January 27, 1827, and peacefully fell asleep in Jesus in their beautiful cottage home in New Carlisle, Ohio, at twenty minutes past one o'clock, Tuesday morning, May 28, 1895, aged sixty-eight years four months and one day. Reared by Christian parents, she united with the Methodist Episcopal Church under the ministry of Rev. Barton Lowe, at the early age of fifteen years, in the year 1843. Being very modest and retiring in her disposition, she shrank from anything like publicity, and therefore did not make an open profession of saving faith in Christ until the winter of 1856-7, at a protracted meeting held by her husband at Fremont City, Ohio. As an unmistakable evidence of the saving work wrought within her by Divine grace, she was ever afterwards a faithful attendant upon the means of grace in God's house, when her delicate health would permit of it. At the first national camp-meeting held at Urbana, Ohio, she reached higher attainments in Divine grace, even the blessing of perfect love; and so deep, radical, and thorough was this higher experience, as that those who were most intimately acquainted with her could not fail to see the change in voice, word, and deed, which had been wrought within her.

September 19, 1847, she was happily united in marriage with Rev. John G. Black, who now, in comparatively feeble health, most deeply mourns her death. And although in 1855 her husband formally entered upon the life of a Methodist itinerant preacher, which then meant big circuits, great hardships, and poor pay, yet she cheerfully acquiesced in his choice, most nobly sharing in the sacrifices, enduring the deprivation, and assisting what she could in this then most toilsome work, encouraging him in times of darkness, and nerving his heart in the thickest of the conflict, when hope sometimes seemed almost lost, so that he bears joyful witness to the unswerving fidelity and great helpfulness of this loving itinerant companion, attributing the largest measure of his success in his ministerial life to her sympathies, encouragements, and prayers. She was the mother of three children—two sons and one daughter—who mourn their irreparable loss; for she was deeply devoted to her family, often ministering to them when she needed to be ministered to. Nay, her devotion often extended to those not of her own household, so that she sought their comfort rather than her own. For many years her health was poor, seemed to be in a state of slow yet certain decline, so that, as her husband states it, she gradually and almost imperceptibly slipped away from us.

On Friday morning, May 23, 1895, although her own family were not

apprehensive of approaching danger, she lay down on what so soon proved to be her bed of death. So stealthily was the approach of the king of terrors, so gently was the silver cord loosened, and so noiselessly was the golden bowl broken—in a word, so imperceptibly was the approach of death—as that she was lifted up from her home on earth into her home in heaven in a moment of time, even before those who ministered to her were scarcely aware of it; so gently, peacefully closed this beautiful, benevolent life. Thus our dear Sister Black lived, and thus she died. Those who knew her best loved her most. “Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.” May the grace of God, which made her character so beautiful and her life so benevolent—a benediction to all with whom she associated—sustain and comfort this greatly-bereaved family!

After a very beautiful, affecting, and impressive funeral service, held at the family residence, attended by a large concourse of deeply sympathizing and sorrowing people, gathered from many miles around, and participated in by the choir of the Methodist Episcopal Church of New Carlisle, which sang most beautifully and touchingly “Jesus, Lover of my soul,” “Gathering home,” and “Some sweet day,” and by Revs. R. K. Deem, H. C. Middleton, W. A. Wiant, S. D. Clayton, J. P. Shultz, and J. F. Marlay, D. D., the remains were borne gently away by loving hands, and deposited in their last resting-place in the beautiful cemetery at New Carlisle, Ohio, to await the resurrection of the just.

J. P. SHULTZ.

VII.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCE.

HAMILTON, OHIO, August 30, 1895.

THE Cincinnati Lay Electoral Conference met at Hamilton Methodist Episcopal Church, Friday, August 30, 1895, at 10 o'clock A. M., and was called to order by H. C. Owens. J. N. Gamble was selected Chairman, and G. E. Randall Secretary.

Charles Vaughan conducted the devotional exercises, after which the Secretary called the roll as published in the *Western Christian Advocate*, which, with some corrections, was taken as the official roll.

The following delegates were present. (See list of delegates.)

Upon motion of J. W. Dale, the temporary organization was made permanent.

The following communications were then read by the Secretary :

To the Lay Electoral Conference :

DEAR BRETHREN,—At an incidental meeting of a number of Methodist laymen in Indianapolis early in May, 1895, several matters relating to the general welfare of the Methodist Episcopal Church were informally discussed. Among them was the question of lay representation in the General Conference. The consensus of opinion was that nothing less than equal representation could yield the best results to the Church. But how to obtain this under the late rulings of the General Conference, that the constitution of the Church, as it now exists, forbids this, and the late action of the Annual Conferences in refusing, by more than two to one, to so amend the constitution as to make it possible, presented a difficult problem. It was evident to them that any measure which proposes a remedy for this state of affairs must come through concerted action among the laity, and such action can be had only through a national organization of some sort. As it is now too late to effect this in time for the next General Conference, it was suggested that the attention of the several Lay Electoral Conferences

about to assemble, be called to the question, and that they be requested to adopt something like the following resolutions:

"*Resolved*, That our delegates to the General Conference be instructed to confer with the other lay members of the General Conference to be held in Cleveland in May, 1896, as to the propriety of organizing a National Layman's Association, for the purpose of promoting the interests of the Methodist Episcopal Church, by a fuller recognition of the laity as a factor in the Church work; the necessity of such an organization, and its details to be left with the lay members of the General Conference, who, for this purpose, shall be deemed a National Convention of Methodist Laymen, with full power to act in the premises."

The meeting further suggested the propriety of memorializing the next General Conference substantially as follows, and the undersigned was requested to bring the matter before the several Electoral Conferences for their action:

"WHEREAS, The maximum efficiency of our Church can be attained only by a constant and cordial co-operation of the ministers and laity in every department of Church work; and

"WHEREAS, This can be had only through equal representation in the General Conference; and

"WHEREAS, This is impossible under our constitution, as construed by the late General Conference; and

"WHEREAS, An attempt to amend said constitution by what is known as the Restrictive Rule plan, showed that less than one-third of the traveling preachers gave their consent, while three-fourths are required; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That we memorialize the General Conference which is to meet in May, 1896, at Cleveland, Ohio, to provide for a commission to be composed of an equal number of ministers and laymen—say from ten to fifteen of each—to be chosen by the ministerial and lay members of the General Conference respectively, from such equitable districts as may be agreed upon, and that said Commission shall meet as early in the ensuing quadrennium as convenient, and formulate a constitution for the Methodist Episcopal Church, under which equal representation may be possible, and it may propose such other modifications of our polity as the experience of more than a hundred years suggests for its adaptation to the changed conditions around us, and that the draft of such an amended constitution be submitted to the laity and ministry, as a whole, or with one or more separate propositions, which, when adopted, shall become the constitution of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

"*Resolved*, That our delegates to the General Conference be charged with the presentation of this memorial, and that they be instructed to support it in the General Conference."

In accordance with the request spoken of, this informal paper is hereby presented, hoping it may meet your approval.

T. A. GOODWIN.

232 College Avenue, Indianapolis, Ind.

CINCINNATI, O., August 29, 1895.

To the President and Members of the Cincinnati Lay Electoral Conference, Hamilton, Ohio:

DEAR BRETHREN,—We, the undersigned Committee, appointed by the Lay Association of the Cincinnati Annual Conference of the Methodist

Episcopal Church to communicate with you, send you greetings on behalf of said Association, and desire to call your attention to the following subjects:

First. The question of equal lay and ministerial representation in the General Conference was voted upon by all the Annual Conferences held in 1894, and was lost, for the reason, as stated by some of the ministers, that the laity have not asked and are not anxious for it; and also because some thought the amendment, as submitted by the vote of the General Conference, would prohibit the voting by orders. We believe that the laity desire equal representation; and in order that the ministry may know that we do, we suggest that your body, at its present session, take action in reference to the same, and prepare a memorial, to be presented by your delegates to the next General Conference, asking for equal lay and ministerial representation, and in it a request to adopt and submit to the Annual Conference an amendment omitting the words, "nor of more than two lay delegates for an Annual Conference," found in the fourth line of Section 2, of paragraph 67, page 47, of the Discipline of 1892; and insert after the word "fraction," and before the words "and provided," in next to the last line of said section, the words, "and that there shall be from each Annual Conference lay delegates equal in number to the ministerial delegates;" and that you also adopt a resolution requesting your Annual Conference to vote in favor of such amendment when the question comes before it again.

Second. In April, 1892, the laymen of this Conference, believing that it would be for the good of the Church for them to meet annually and discuss matters of interest to them, organized the Lay Association of the Cincinnati Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. We have had four meetings, which have grown in interest and enthusiasm with each year. The objects, as expressed by our constitution, are as follows: "The object of this Association shall be to promote Christian fellowship, to familiarize its members with the usages and enterprises of the Church, and to engage their active co-operation and assistance therein, and to do such other things as the Association may decide upon from time to time." We believe, if there was a similar Association within the bounds of each Annual Conference, much good would be accomplished, and the Church, as a whole, strengthened. There are already three of these organizations known to us—one in the California Conference, one in the Philadelphia Conference, and our own—each of them meeting annually. We suggest that your body consider this matter, and appoint a Committee to arrange for the organization of a similar Association in your Conference. In order that you may know what we are doing, we send a few copies of this year's Proceedings of our Association, containing the Constitution. Our Corresponding Secretary, Wm. E. Brooks, Carlisle Building, Cincinnati, Ohio, will be pleased to furnish further information about our Association, and also to correspond with your Secretary in reference to matters of interest

to us all. We would be obliged if your Secretary would inform him of such action as you may take in reference to these matters.

Fraternally,

JAMES N. GAMBLE,	} <i>Committee.</i>
JOHN W. DALE,	
PHILIP ROETTINGER,	
EDWARD E. SHIPLEY,	
WM. E. BROOKS,	

P. Roettinger moved that all papers and business be laid over for discussion until after ballot for lay delegates. Seconded and carried.

Charles E. Smith moved that we now proceed to the election of lay delegates to the General Conference, to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, May, 1896. Seconded and carried.

The following resolutions were then offered by Judge W. R. Warnock:

WHEREAS, We profess to believe in the Divine command, "In honor preferring one another;" and

WHEREAS, The methods adopted by modern politicians are wholly antagonistic to this command; be it

Resolved, 1. That we condemn any and all acts which look like electioneering for the position of lay delegate from the Cincinnati Lay Conference to the General Conference, to be held in 1896, in Cleveland, Ohio.

Resolved, 2. That there be no nominating speeches placing any candidate in nomination, but that each delegate shall vote for two persons on one ticket, without any names being designated by this Conference; and that the balloting shall proceed until two persons shall receive a majority of all the votes cast.

Discussion upon the resolutions was opened by C. F. Dean. Motion to lay resolutions upon the table, made by Alexander Boxwell, received a second; but after further discussion, with the consent of the second, the motion was withdrawn; after which the resolutions were again discussed by P. Roettinger, C. W. Short, W. R. Warnock, J. E. Jones, J. C. Harper, J. B. Head, Alexander Boxwell, J. W. Dale, and A. R. Pugh. C. F. Dean moved to lay first resolution on the table. Motion was seconded, and lost by a vote of 43 to 47. A motion to adopt the first resolution was seconded, and carried by a vote of 51 to 44.

The second resolution was read, and moved amended, as follows:

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Upon motion of J. W. Dale, the amendment was amended as follows:

That each ballot shall contain two names until one delegate shall have been chosen; that after two delegates shall have been chosen, two alternates shall be chosen in like manner.

Drs. Starr, Bashford, and Payne were introduced as a Committee from the Annual Conference, and Dr. Starr, on behalf of the Committee, extended greetings, and invited the Lay Conference to a joint meeting with the Cincinnati Conference.

Alexander Boxwell moved that a Committee of three be appointed to confer with a like Committee from the Cincinnati Conference to arrange for the joint meeting. Seconded and carried.

A motion was made to fix the time of the joint meeting at 2 o'clock. Seconded and lost.

A like motion was made, fixing the time at 4 o'clock, which was seconded and carried.

A motion was made that J. N. Gamble, President of this meeting, be one of a Committee of three to arrange for the joint meeting, and Alexander Boxwell and Judge Warnock were appointed for the other two.

Adjourned, to meet at 1 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

CONFERENCE met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

Professor C. W. Bennett conducted devotional exercises.

Upon motion, the reading of the minutes of the morning session was dispensed with.

Motion made, that four tellers be appointed, met with a second, was carried, and the following named: William Saint, C. F. Dean, J. B. Head, and C. W. Short.

Balloting for candidates for General Conference, being next in order, was taken up at once.

W. E. Brooks, Corresponding Secretary of the Lay Association of the Cincinnati Conference, upon motion of J. W. Dale, was invited to address the Conference in regard to the work of said Association, while tellers were collecting and counting the ballots. Adopted, and the Conference listened to Brother Brooks with interest.

The tellers announced the result of the first ballot. Total number of ballots, 95; necessary to choice, 48. J. N. Gamble, 27; P. P. Mast, 24; Philip Roettinger, 3; C. W. Bennett, 40; George B. Johnson, 52; Alexander Boxwell, 30; B. P. Nash, 1; Judge Warnock, 8; George B. Thompson, 1; J. W. Dale, 2; Albert Cheney, 2; Richard Dymond, 1.

George B. Johnson, having received the required number of votes, was declared elected. The following resolutions, presented by Philip Roettinger, were adopted:

WHEREAS, We have in this country about 115 Conferences, with an aggregate enrollment, in round figures, of 16,000 ministers, or an average of 140 to a Conference; and

WHEREAS, Upon the most liberal basis, not more than one-third of the year should be occupied in holding Conferences; and

WHEREAS, Our Bishops find time to deliver lectures and addresses not connected with their duties, and consume much time in traveling between distant points, and visiting foreign lands, all of which should be avoided; and

WHEREAS, It is manifest that our present corps of Bishops can readily perform all the duties that pertain to the Episcopal Office, and have time left for closer contact with the masses; therefore, be it

Resolved by this Conference, first, That we deem it unwise, unnecessary, and prejudicial to the best interests of the Church that offices be multiplied by the election of any additional Bishops by the General Conference to assemble in 1896.

Secondly, That while we do not wish to hamper our delegates in their discharge of duty, nevertheless we suggest to them that, by their voice and vote, they do what they can to carry the sentiments here expressed into effect.

Third, That we recommend such action as will result in the assignment of our Bishops to districts, for at least a quadrennium, in the apportionment of their work.

Fourth, That we recommend the extension of the Missionary Bishop system, so as to avoid the expense and loss of time brought about by the constant travels of our Bishops to foreign lands.

A second ballot was ordered, and the tellers proceeded.

Philip Roettinger desired his name dropped from the list of candidates.

The following resolutions, presented by A. R. Pugh, were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, We, the Lay Electoral Conference of Cincinnati Annual Conference, most heartily indorse, and are in earnest sympathy with, the work of the Anti-saloon League. We most earnestly pray God's richest blessing on their work; and desire herewith to pledge our support to said League in the prosecution of its work.

Upon motion, the thanks of the Conference were returned to the trustees of this Church (First Baptist) for their kindness in opening their church for our use.

The result of the second ballot was as follows: J. N. Gamble, 13; P. P. Mast, 22; C. W. Bennett, 37; Alexander Boxwell, 31; Judge Warnock, 3; J. W. Dale, 1; total, 107; necessary to choice, 54. No election, and a new ballot ordered.

Judge Warnock and J. W. Dale desired their names dropped from the list of candidates.

The communication from the Cincinnati Lay Association having been taken up for further consideration, J. C. Harper moved the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That this Conference concur in the action of the Lay Association of the Annual Conference to secure equal lay representation in the General Conference of our Church; that a Committee of three be appointed to prepare a memorial to the General Conference on the subject; and that we request the Cincinnati Annual Conference to vote in favor of an amendment securing such equal lay representation when the question again comes before it.

Adopted unanimously. Committee—J. C. Harper, C. W. Bennett, Alexander Boxwell.

Rev. D. H. Moore, D. D., being present, the courtesy of the floor was extended to him by a unanimous vote, and he addressed the Conference very acceptably for a few minutes.

Third ballot resulted as follows: J. N. Gamble, 9; C. W. Bennett, 39; Alexander Boxwell, 28; P. P. Mast, 30; total, 106. No election, and new ballot ordered.

C. M. Short moved that a Committee of one be appointed to request the Railroad Agent of the Cincinnati Conference to come to the room to sign certificates. Carried.

By request of J. W. Dale, the Secretary read again the communication from Indianapolis Lay Association.

Mr. Dale moved that this communication be referred to a Committee of three, who shall take such action as they may deem necessary, without any expense devolving upon this Conference.

Mr. Dale discussed the foregoing, and C. P. Mackelfresh moved an amendment to refer to two delegates and two alternates. Lost. Original motion was carried, and Chair appointed J. W. Dale, C. P. Mackelfresh, and Charles P. March.

The tellers announced they were ready to report the fourth ballot.

Philip Roettinger moved that, before the result was made known, the one receiving the lowest number of votes be dropped. Carried.

J. N. Gamble, 3; C. W. Bennett, 51; Alexander Boxwell, 28; P. P. Mast, 26; total, 108. No election, and new ballot ordered.

Moved that portion of report of Cincinnati Lay Association referring to their work be referred to same Committee as named on the Indianapolis communication; namely, J. W. Dale, C. P. Mackelfresh, and Charles P. March. Adopted.

Chair appointed Brothers Smith, Head, Spencer, and Davis to take collection for sexton.

Fourth ballot was announced, and resulted as follows: C. W. Bennett, 55; Alexander Boxwell, 21; P. P. Mast, 28; total, 104. C. W. Bennet was declared elected.

C. F. Dean moved to suspend rules and Secretary cast ballot of Conference for Mast and Boxwell as alternates. Carried unanimously.

Moved that P. P. Mast be alternate for C. W. Bennett, and Alexander Boxwell for George B. Johnson. Carried.

Secretary cast 104 votes for Mast and Boxwell as alternates.

Motion made that the Conference take a recess of one hour, at the close of which we meet in this church, and go in a body to visit the Annual Conference. Adopted.

At the appointed hour the Lay Conference marched in a body to the Methodist Episcopal Church to visit the Annual Conference, and was welcomed by Rev. W. I. Fee, D. D. Judge Warnock responded for the Lay Conference, and, by request of both Conferences, Bishop Foss addressed the joint meeting, and was listened to with much interest.

G. E. RANDALL, SECRETARY.

DELEGATES TO THE LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCE.

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

Avondale, C. E. Smith.
 Carthage and Elmwood Place, J. T. Price.
 Cheviot, James N. Gamble.
 CINCINNATI:
 Asbury, John W. Dale.
 Camp Washington, Joseph Hoefling.
 Christie, J. M. Robinson.
 Columbia, Chas. W. Short.
 Cumminsville, William Gisling.
 Finley, J. W. Colty.
 McKendree, M. N. Gunett.
 Mt. Auburn, T. S. King.
 Mt. Lookout, James E. Sherwood.
 Pearl Street, James McDonald.
 Pendleton, Charles Vaughan.
 Price Hill, J. C. Harper.
 St. Paul, Richard Dymond.
 St. John, A. R. Pugh.
 Trinity, G. W. Coleman.
 Walnut Hills, John E. Jones.
 Wesley, Thomas McLean.
 Clifton, W. L. Davis.
 Delhi, J. O. Falkinburg.
 Ivanhoe and Norwood, J. W. Weyn.
 Lockland and Wyoming, Philip Roettinger.
 Madisonville, J. C. Dorman.
 Miami, Harry Miller.
 Newtown, W. W. Highlands.
 Winton Place, C. P. Mackelfresh.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

Bethany, D. M. Magee.
 Caniden and Somerville, W. T. Harcock.
 Centerville, Nathan James.
 Concord, Joseph L. Ensley.
 DAYTON:
 Grace, Wm. Saint.
 Homestead Avenue and Riverdale, W. A. Morris.
 Raper, C. A. Starr.
 St. Paul, J. F. Iliff.
 Trinity, D. H. Carson.
 Eaton, B. D. Moses.
 Germantown, O. G. Brown.
 Glendale and Sharonville, C. F. Dean.
 Gordon, Ezra Post.
 Hamilton, L. M. Griffis.
 Lewisburg, Webster Campbell.
 Miamisburg, A. J. Eminger.
 Middletown, J. A. Patterson.
 Monroe, Horace Gallaher.

Osborn, John Hartley.
 Oxford, G. C. Munns.
 Port Union, E. J. Girard.
 Red Lion, Alexander Boxwell.
 Springboro, S. H. Haines.
 West Alexander, J. J. Burtner.
 West Carrollton, R. W. Burns.
 West Chester, Joseph Allen.
 West Elkton, S. Jordan.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

Belfast, Aaron Milburn.
 Blanchester, A. A. Curless.
 Greenfield, James Boyd.
 Lynchburg, C. C. Peale.
 New Burlington, G. W. McKay.
 New Jasper, H. H. Conklin.
 New Vienna, L. Mathew Lukey.
 Rainsboro, J. B. Head.
 Union, H. L. Roll.
 Waynesville, G. E. Randall.
 Wilmington, E. Merrick.
 XENIA:
 First Church, Andrew McElwain.
 Trinity, H. W. Owens.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.

Amelia, S. Dial.
 Batavia, S. G. Teasdale.
 Bethel, Frank Swing.
 Butlerville, T. J. Patterson.
 Centenary, F. L. Myrick.
 Chilo, Frank Marriott.
 Decatur, A. L. Washburn.
 Felicity, P. T. Fee.
 Georgetown, F. M. Smith.
 Goshen, T. S. Spence.
 Lebanon, Chas. P. March.
 Mainville, Mary F. Stephens.
 Mason, W. C. Williamson.
 Milford, C. L. Greeno.
 Montgomery, E. B. Thompson.
 Owensville, A. Hulick.
 Peebles, William Custer.
 Ripley, Miss C. A. Boyer.
 Summerside, T. R. Hibbin.
 Williamsburg, Otis Dudley.
 Williamsburg Circuit, Mrs. Jane Titus.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

Arcanum, J. H. Snell.
 Cedarville, B. W. Northup.
 Christiansburg, David Clutch.
 Covington, R. F. Bennett

Dialton, Joseph D. Trout.
Mechanicsburg, Albert Cheney.
Mutual, C. M. Goul.
New Carlisle, Lee Sutton.

PIQUA :

Grace, A. G. Licklider.
Greene Street, C. W. Bennet.
South Charleston Circuit, D. Culf.

SPRINGFIELD :

St. Paul, P. P. Mast.
Tremont City, Simeon Taylor.
Troy, W. J. Peters.
Troy Circuit, F. G. Macim.

URBANA :

First Church, W. R. Warnock.
Grace, E. G. Banta.
Yellow Springs, J. W. Baldwin.

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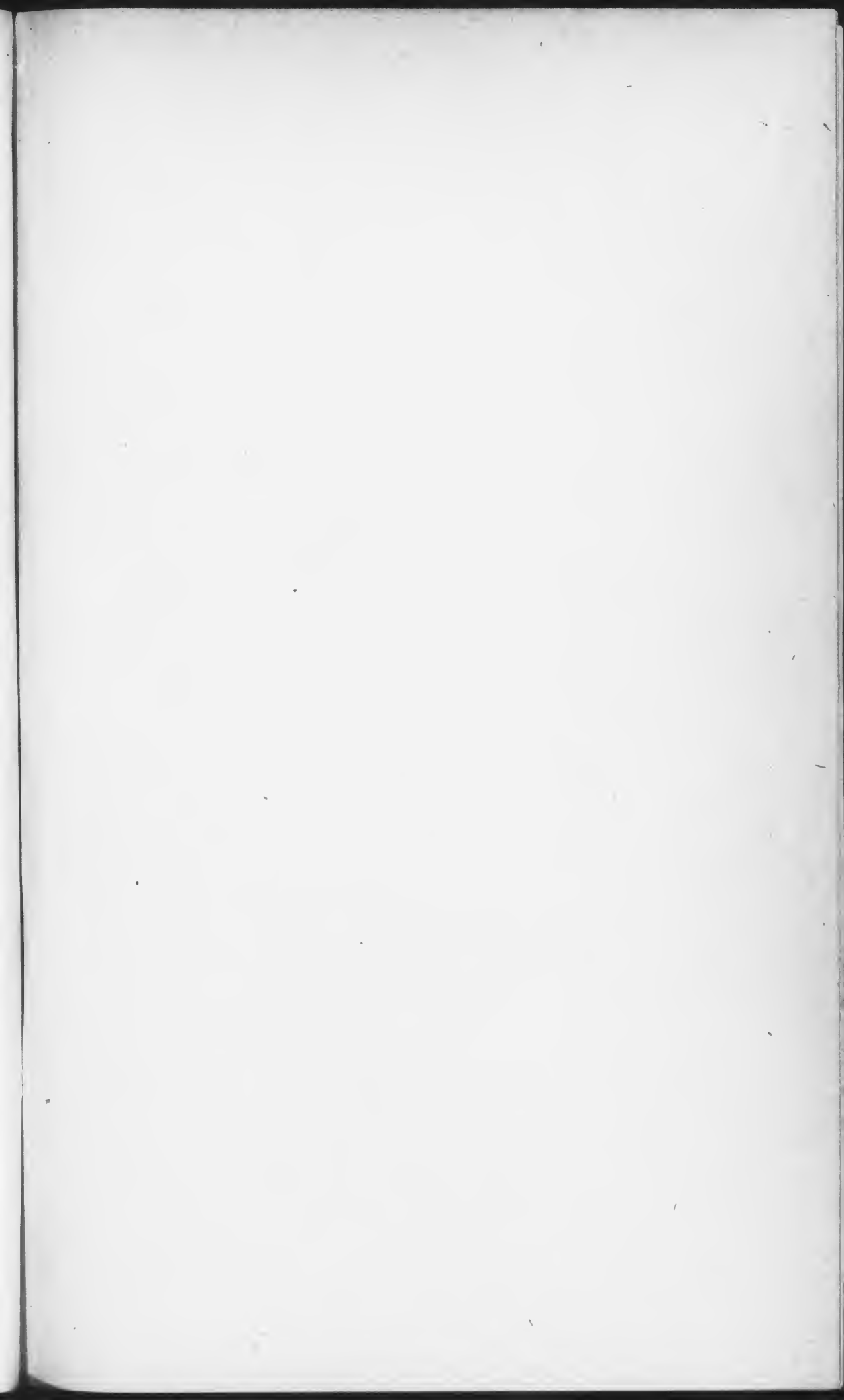
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